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Benjamin Franklin's highest political honours were but honours of a second class: the most distinguished office filled by him in his own distinguished omce tilled by him in his own country was the Presidency of a State; and his claims for fair payment for work done, perils encountered, and money spent in behalf of America were met with haggling. Still, his life was a notable success. Born in a grade scarcely, if at all, above the most humble rank of colonial life, and educated in boyhood for a career of obscure toil, he raised himself by a career of obscure ton, he raised ministen by honest thrift and unremitting industry from indigence to wealth, and during the latter half of his many useful years he devoted himself to the service of his country. From the condition of a compositor he became successively a master printer, bookseller, publisher, newspaper-proprietor, holder of public office, political agent, man of science, ambassador at the Court of France, and Governor of Pennsylvania. Entering life in 1706, the son of a poor Boston tallow-chandler, he had acquired the rudiments of a slender education, served his time at press and the compositor's frame, escaped from the control of the brother under whose stern government he learned the art of printing, made the voyage to England, earned his livelihood as a journeyman printer in London, returned to America almost penniless, established himself in Philadelphia, and become a prosperous man of business, ere George Washington had raised a cry from his mother's arms. Had he begun his career mother's arms. Had he begun his career thirty years later in the eighteenth century, he would have occupied the throne now filled by Abraham Lincoln; but when he returned to America in 1785, after his long and toilsome residence in France, he was in his eightieth year, worn by labours and physical suffering. His public life did not close with this return. The highest honours of their State. this return. The highest honours of their State were heaped upon him by the Pennsylvanians; but no party in the State ventured to regard him as the future chief of the Union. Instead of seeking for higher place, the fine old man was well content that the direction of public affairs should pass into the hands of younger men; and ere Washington's first term of presidency had expired, the negotiator of the French

alliance breathed his last. Less before the eyes of the Transatlantic public than Washington and Hamilton, Jefferson and Adams, Franklin was, in his native country, a less conspicuous character than some of those great men who together won national indepen-dence for our colonies. But in Europe he was the best-known and most generally-admired American of his time. To this statement not even the brilliant renown of Washington can be offered as an exception. During his long residences in London he drew to himself a strong body of attached friends. At a time when the notion was prevalent amongst ladies of fashion that all natives of America had black skins, the clever, bustling, humorous, laughter-loving agent for the Plantations, who entertained his guests in Craven Street, Strand, with bons mots and electrical experiments, bore startling testimony to the intelligence, wit, and refinement of colonial society. A Fellow of the Royal Society, he was on terms of close familiarity with men of science. The gentlemen who dined with him

ished the high opinion entertained of him by those who were of his acquaintance. Men who had just been laughing with "Poor Richard" over a bottle of wine at a tavern on Ludgate Hill, only laughed yet louder in Fleet Street when they heard Samuel Johnson exclaim, "Sir, the Americans are a race of convicts, and ought to be thankful for anything we give them." Throughout the strife and noise of the American question, from the opening of the struggle in parliament and ministers' ante-rooms to its close on fields of battle, the English public had a strong sympathy with the Americans; and in nothing did the sentiment more signally manifest itself than in the respect shown to Franklin. In some things he was a man to whom Englishmen of the last century were slow to express kindliness. In religion he was one of those free thinkers whom it was the fashion a hundred years since to brand as atheists. His private life was by no means stainless. His only son was illegitimate; and, following the example of his father, the younger Franklin had a bastard son. Giving in to the usages of the time, Benjamin Franklin was what would in these temperate days be called an indulgent liver: he enjoyed two bottles at a sitting, and when he was drinking his second bottle he would talk with freedom. It was undeniable that he lacked the style and tone of superior breeding; that he was devoid of classic culture, and boastful of the deficiency; and that notwithstanding the liberality of his professions, there was in him a strong vein of illiberality and acrimony towards his opponents. Still our grandfathers decided to admire the man, and make a hero of him. Ministers might keep him at arm's length,-it was the fashion a century since for ministers to keep subordinate politicians at a respectful distance,-and violent Tories might proclaim him an adventurer and meddling upstart. But public opinion took another direction. It began by lauding him as a wit and man of business. and it was not content till it had discovered that he was a philosopher and a moralist.

It is a fact less strange than fortunate for his reputation that, until the appearance of Mr. Parton's volumes, no work professing to be a complete biography of Franklin was in existence. The fragment of his Autobiography, commenced in 1771, under the Bishop of St. Asaph's roof, and continued both at Passy, after the conclusion of the Revolutionary War, and in America, after the writer's return to Philadelphia, may be found in every library; and Memoirs of the great man, containing a more than ordinary allowance of apocryphal or purely fictitious anecdotes, have been published from time to time. But the present biographer is the first writer who has ventured to sketch the printer's entire career. Much credit is due to Mr. Parton for the completeness of his book, the industry with which he has gathered materials from sources both public and private, and the judicious use which he has made of stories old and new. But it may be questioned whether Franklin's fame is likely to be enhanced by the labours of his admiring historian. It seems to us that the author of Poor Richard's Almanack is just the person to whom it is a pity to direct critical attention. The traditions of his social popularity in France

people whom he represented. His chief power was a personal influence, a faculty of winning the affection as well as the applause of those who listened to his clear statements and merry conceits. The insults of Dunning and the coldness of ministers never for an instant dimining ished the high opinion entertained of him by coolness and discrimination; but, unfortunately, they are just the analities which his volumes they are just the qualities which his volumes lack. Readers are asked to indorse the extravagant praise which was lavished upon the American at times of intense political excitement by ardent partisans and adulatory Parisians. A slight excess of enthusiasm for his hero is excusable, if not desirable, in a personal historian; and an English reader is content to smile at an assurance that when Franklin was lodging in Craven Street, Strand, he was "the only man in the British empire fit to be Mr. Pitt's king or colleague." There is no reason why Mr. Parton should not be silly about his "superb Franklin," and indulge in speculations as to the blessings that would have come to the human race if the editor of the Philadelphian numan race it the editor of the Philadelphian Gazette had worn George the Third's crown. But when he places the American envoy on a level with Shakspeare, Goethe and Schiller, the reader feels it difficult not to laugh outright.

At the age of seventeen, escaping from his brother's printing-office in Boston, Benjamin Franklin entered New York, when it was "a town of seven or eight thousand inhabitants, where most objects that met the eye, and most sounds that caught the ear, were Dutch." From New York he went to Philadelphia, in search of employment. A year later, induced by the promises of Sir William Keith, he took ship for London, in company with his friend James Ralph. Each of the two companions was destined to run an exceptional course. Ralph, bent on pushing his fortune as a man of letters made the voyage in hope that, ere twelve months had passed, he would be the favourit poet of "the town." Dissolute and knavish, at the inferior writers of Pope's time thought the had a special privilege to be, he excelled most Grub Street hacks in industry and learning After the disastrons multi-rivers. After the disastrous publication of his epoch poem, 'Night,' he worked with good result to his personal prosperity as pamphleteer and political writer. In the course of years, Sir Robert Walpole, Mr. Pelham, Lord Bute, and the Duke of Bedford bought the influence of his pen; the Duke of Bedford furnishing him with money for the publication of a political periodical, and Lord Bute settling upon him, unless tradition be at fault, an annuity of 600l. Ralph was not altogether devoid of capacity. His 'History of William the Third' gained respectful notice from Fox and Hallam; but, notwithstanding his diligence and substantial good fortune, he would ere this have been almost entirely forgotten if Pope had not inserted in a later edition of the 'Dunciad,'-

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that she offered to throw off two shillings a week if he would remain. 'So,' he says, 'I re-mained with her at one shilling and sixpence as long as I stayed in London.' This economy was the less commendable, because the land-lady was as agreeable to the lodger as the lodger was to the landlady." The story is cha-racteristic of the man. His biographer cannot deny that, at the period of life when the generous qualities of our nature are usually most active, his hero was notable for a disagreeable alloy of selfishness and downright meanness. The young workman, however, had some excuse for clutching every sixpence that fell in his way; and his rigid economy was a serviceable example to many of his fellow workmen, whom it induced to drink gruel instead of malt liquor, and to save the money which they had hitherto been accustomed to spend each week on beer.

Before he completed his twenty-first year Franklin returned to Philadelphia; and when he was only twenty-three years of age he was in business as a printer on his own account. Besides taking any printer's work sent to his office, he was publisher, editor, and proprietor of the Pennsylvania Gazette, a weekly newssheet which under his management became a powerful journal. Industry and thrift soon produced their customary fruit. Ere long, wishing to marry he made prudent overtures to a certain Miss Godfrey. "Mrs. Godfrey," recorded the lover, "managed our little treaty. I let her know that I expected as much money with their daughter as would pay off my remaining debt for the printing-house, which I believe was not then above 100l. She brought me word that they had no such sum to spare; I said they might mortgage their house in the loan office." As the 100l. was not produced, the lover, then twenty-four years old, jilted Miss Godfrey, and married a young woman for whom he had formerly conceived an attachment. Her husband had deserted her, and though she had no proof of his death she chose to regard herself as a widow. Benjamin Franklin took the same view of her position, and married her—running the risk of her first husband's return, in consideration of her engagement to be a good mother to the illegitimate son with whom another woman had presented him. Franklin's confessions of his love affairs at this period of his career are very unpleasant.

The next eighteen years were with Benjamin Franklin a period of rapidly increasing prosperity. His paper, shop and printing-business flourished. Every year he extended his com-mercial operations, and by sensation advertisements in the Gazette kept the Pennsylvanians well informed as to his proceedings. Mr. Parton gravely places in the catalogue of benefits conferred by his hero on mankind, "that he was the first who turned to account the engine of advertising, an indispensable element in modern business." America has taken credit to herself for many English devices and inventions, but we have never before met with an American writer claiming for a fellow-countryman the honour of originating that system of courting notoriety which Barnum brought to perfection. Let the "old country" have due recognition. The tradesmen of London were spirited advertisers in the reign of Queen Anne; and even as far back as Charles the Second handbills were given away by quack-doctors and enterprising dealers. Mr. Parton's testimony, however, is not without its value. It points to a leading characteristic of Franklin, who made it an affair of conscience to blow his trumpet at all times and seasons. He maintained that it was

ourselves would, like other old fashions, come round into fashion." He did his best to bring about the desired state of things.

One important source of his prosperity and fame during this part of his life may not be omitted from notice. In December, 1732, he published the first number of Poor Richard's Almanack, a publication which spread far and wide the fame of his newspaper and shop, and gained him reputation in the colonies as a brilliant humorist or sound moral teacher. Mr. Parton wishes us to think highly of the wisdom, sagacity and proverbial quaintness of Poor Richard's sayings. We must differ from him. The best maxims put into Poor Richard's mouth may be found in Rochefoucauld or Bacon, or are old adages injured by the compiler's habit of tinkering stolen wit. From Mr. Parton's cream of Poor Richard's sayings we select a few of the least objectionable sentences. "Says Poor Richard, 'Don't throw stones at your neighbours, if your own windows are glass';"-such is Franklin's improvement on the rule that "people who live in glass houses ought not to throw stones." Another of Poor Richard's wise remarks is, "Keep thy shop, and thy shop will keep thee." of the aphorisms are objectionable on moral grounds. "Fish and visitors smell in three days" is a sentiment held in high esteem by Mr. Parton. In his later years, Franklin often gave utterance to mots which raised his reputation for wit, though they were originally the sayings of other talkers. For instance, we are assured that it was he who struck out Warburton's celebrated definition, "Orthodoxy is my doxy, and Heterodoxy is your doxy.

When he was still no more than forty-two years of age, Benjamin Franklin found himself owner of an estate that yielded him 700l. a year, and a business of which the annual profits were 2,000l. Putting off his business on profitable terms, he turned his attention to science and public affairs. In 1753, he obtained the office of Postmaster General for America, and still continued to hold the place of Postmaster of Philadelphia—an office which he had filled for sixteen years. But ere he became Postmaster General he had rendered himself eminent. Between 1747 and 1753 he performed the chemical experiments which, however much their value may have been exaggerated, proved that his mind was ingenious as well as acute, and well deserved the attention which they

roused in Europe as well as in America. Having acquired competence and freedom from the anxieties of trade, Franklin entered on the nobler part of his career. He was a principal founder of the first high school of Pennsylvania; but, with characteristic vehemence and narrowness, inveighed against the custom of teaching boys Greek and Latin. Ignorant of both those languages himself, and possessing but a very slender acquaintance with French, he felt himself qualified to dogmatize on the greater merit of popular over classic education as a system of mental training. Fortunately, his influence on the school after its establishment was very slight. In other matters he played a conspicuous part, directing the public undertakings of his city, proving his power in State politics, coming to the aid of Government in the Canadian War, gra-dually making himself leader of the party opposed to the sons of Penn, and so holding his course that he was regarded throughout the plantations as a chief personage of his own colony. In 1756, he was sent to London by the Assembly of Pennsylvania, to act as their the duty of every good man to publish his good deeds to the world. "I wish," he once observed, first year, and when he revisited the Ame-

"that the out-of-fashion practice of praising | rican Continent he was entering his fiftyeighth year. In 1764, he again crossed the Atlantic for his third residence in England. Of his conduct and position in this country nothing is ever likely to transpire which does not redound to his honour. At first he was little known. Access to Pitt was long denied him, but he had the satisfaction of hearing that the great minister "deemed him a person of respectable character." Scientific and literary circles were more open to approach; and the Colonial envoy had due honour paid him by the savants and scholars of the metropolis. Oxford conferred on him the degree of D.C.L., and the Fellows of the Royal Society who had elected him to their body whilst he was in Pennsylvania, hailed him with acclamations. At the dinners of the Royal Society Club he was a frequent attendant, and at his own club, which met first in St. Paul's Churchyard and subsequently on Ludgate Hill, he enjoyed the constant society of Dr. Richard Price, Dr. Priestley, Dr. Fothergill, Peter Collinson, Dr. Hawkesworth, and Stanley the composer. To all men, who were not in his opinion the determined enemies of America, he was courteous, affable, and amusing. The humour of his stories and the political squibs which he from time to time addressed to the papers, roused curiosity and laughter. He was the first American to exhibit in London society that taste for quaint exaggerations and extravagant fabrications, to which the boastfulness and tall talk of the modern Yankee may be attributed. By degrees he became a lion, and when he returned to America in 1775, after ten years' residence in the mother country, he left behind him in London few men better known or more generally liked.

On the outbreak of the war Franklin, whose conduct in England had won the full confidence of the colonies, was appointed envoy in France for the United States; and in 1776 he set foot on French soil. The ability which he displayed throughout that protracted mission, the energy he manifested in collecting information, transmitting intelligence, and winning support to the cause of American freedom are affairs of history; and Mr. Parton has retold the story in a manner which imparts new charms to familiar facts. The sympathy of the people with whom he resided was a great aid as well as a constant gratification to the envoy. Wherever he went, he was the object of extravagant adulation. He was the sage, philosopher, guide of his generation; and in playing the part assigned him he was assisted by his personal aspect. His white locks, keen eye, and benevolent counte-nance well became the character forced upon him; and his dress, rich but not gaudy, tickled the fancy of the Parisians, just as the Quaker costume of Amelia Opie created a sensation in the French capital of our own time. When Voltaire paid his last visit to Paris, the poet was required to share the tumultuous honours of his ovation with the author of Poor Richard's

Almanack :-

"But this was not the only scene between Franklin and Voltaire. Another occurred, April 29th, in the presence of a concourse of 'philosophers' at a session of the Academy of Sciences. The meeting was attended by Voltaire and Franklin, who sat near each other on the platform in full view of the audience. At a pause in the proceedings, a confused cry arose, in which could be dis-tinguished the names of the two favourites, and which was interpreted to mean that they should be introduced. This was done. They rose, bowed, and spoke to one another. But the clamour did not subside; the people were evidently dissatisfied; something more must be done. They shook hands. Even this was not enough. At length, the words of the clamour were distinguished: 'Il faut s'embrasser, the spec other by kissing mbsided the who Europe, Sophock -One highly those sa Solon, same P both of The

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brasser, à la Françoise; 'you must embrace, French fashion.' Then, says John Adams, who witnessed the spectacle, 'the two aged actors upon this great theatre of philosophy and frivolity, embraced each other by hugging one another in their arms, and kissing each other's cheeks, and then the tumult subsided. And the cry immediately spread through the whole kingdom, and, I suppose, over all the special courts would be attired like the representatives of feudal governments. A compositor's the special courts would be attired like the representatives of feudal governments. A compositor's the special courts would be attired like the representatives of feudal governments. A compositor's the special courts would be attired like the representatives of feudal governments. A compositor's the special courts would be attired like the representatives of feudal governments. Europe, 'How charming it was to see Solon and Sophocles embrace.'"

One would value this demonstration more highly were it not for the recollection that those same Parisians who extolled Franklin as Solon, and Voltaire as Sophocles, were the same Parisians who placed Mesmer high above both of them.

The most amusing story told of Franklin's residence in France is that which describes his preparation for attendance at Court, on the avowal of the French-American treaties:

"Dr. Franklin, we are informed, began his preparations by ordering a wig; since no man had yet dared to contemplate the possibility of exhibiting uncovered locks to a monarch of France. Mr. Austin used to say, that not only was the court costume exactly prescribed, but each season had its own costume, and if any one presented himself in lace ruffles, when the time of year demanded in lace ruffles, when the time of year demanded cambric, the chamberlain of the palace would refuse him admission. Readers of Madam Campan remember her lively pictures of the intense etiquette which worried the soul of Marie Antoinette in these very years. So Dr. Franklin ordered a wig. On the appointed day, says tradition, the peruquier himself brought home the work of his hands, and tried it on; but the utmost efforts of the great artist could not get it upon the head it was designed to disfigure. After patiently submitting for a long time to the manipulations of the peruquier, Dr. Franklin ventured to hint that, perhaps, the wig was a little too small. 'Monsieur, it is impossible.' After many more fruitless trials, the peruquier dashed the wig to the floor, in a furious peruquier dashed the wig to the floor, in a furious passion, exclaiming, 'No, Monsieur; it is not the wig which is too small; it is your head which is too large.' It was too late, continues the anonymous chronicler who recorded this anecdote, to mous chronicler who recorded this anecdote, to procure another, and, therefore, the audacious philosopher resolved to approach the presence of majesty 'without a bag.' 'The size and appearance of Franklin's head,' he concludes, 'became a subject of common conversation.' 'Yes, sir,' was the usual remark, 'Il a une grosse tête, et une grande tête. He has a big head, and a great head.' Having abandoned the wig, he ventured to discard the still more indispensable sword, as well as the universal chapeau that was carried under the arm. On the morning of the great day under the arm. On the morning of the great day he dressed as he would have dressed if he were going out to dine with the president of Congress—in a suit of plain, black velvet, with the usual snowy ruffles at wrist and bosom, white silk stockings and silver buckles. And a more superb cos-tume than that has never been worn by an old gentleman in any age or country. So General Washington was attired on occasions of state, with wasnington was attired on occasions of state, with the addition of yellow gloves, a cocked hat and plume, and sword with steel hilt and white leather scabbard. Dr. Franklin's costume, I need not say, was a most brilliant success. Mr. Austin intimates that the chamberlain hesitated a moment about admitting him, but it was only for a moment. ment; and all the court were captivated at the noble, well-timed effrontery of his conduct. Better for the whole tribe of chamberlains if that chamberlain had done his duty, and sent the American home for his wig. The recoil from the French Revolution (in which we are now living) has given the chamberlain class another century of life, but franklin really announced their departure when he went to court without a court dress, amid the cestatic applause of Europe. Mr. Dean and Mr. Lee, as was proper, conformed to the custom, and wore both wig and sword."

tatives of feudal governments. A compositor's blunder styled the Emperor of the French Napoleon the Third! The stern simplicity of the dress worn by United States' ambassadors

is due to a peruquier's stupidity.

On Franklin's return to America, in his eightieth year, all parties in his State combined to do him honour. He was raised to the Presidency of the Supreme Council of Pennsylvania, and to the close of his active and honourable life, April 17, 1790, he received from a wide circle of admirers the homage due to his worth and services. As to his character there can be no uncertainty. His writings and the testimony of his most judicious friends enable criticism to draw, with unerring precision, a line between his sterling goodness and the imaginary virtues attributed to him by time-servers or enthusiasts. In no sense of the word was Benjamin Franklin a philosopher. He was a keen, shrewd, buoyant, able man, abounding in high spirits and selfconfidence; overbearing, but thoroughly honest; egotistic, but truly benevolent. Upon the whole, he is the most remarkable "self-taught man" on whom modern society has looked; and if, in early life, he had received a liberal and systematic education, it is not improbable that he would have been a great thinker. But those who judge him as he was, and not as he might have been, must assign him a comparatively humble place amongst eminent characters; and biographers act unwisely who claim for him reverence such as that which is due to Bacon and Shakspeare.

Four Years in the Ionian Islands: their Political and Social Condition; with a History of the British Protectorate. Edited by Viscount Kirkwall. 2 vols. (Chapman & Hall.)

Modern Greek politics—no wrong to the memory of Lord Byron, who dramatically threw himself into the struggle, at the price of a wasted life—no scandal against the enthusiasm of such heroes as Mr. Trelawney, or such a home-agitator as the last Lord Harrington, in his young days known as Col. Leicester Stanhope-have never won what may be called universal attention, either from those among our countrymen who in past times cared for foreign affairs, or those of our own day who are busied with "the nationalities." Late revolutions and conflicts in Greece have ranged in English sympathies lower than the Italian or the Polish questions. Thus, a history of the English Protectorate in the Ionian Islands, under Sir Thomas Maitland, Sir Frederick Adam, Lord Nugent, Sir Howard Douglas, Mr. Mackenzie, Lord Seaton, Sir Henry Ward, Sir John Young, Mr. Glad-stone, and Sir Henry Storks (the tenth and last Lord High Commissioner) might, we apprehend, only have a limited public, were the tale of squabble and irritation, separation and cession, ever so impartially told. This, however, we fancy, is not the case in the History which forms the first of these two volumes. Their author, it is true, says, in his Preface :-

"I am quite aware how very difficult it is for any Englishman to write impartially about the Ionian people. This fact has been repeatedly proved during the last half century in many works. These, as a general rule, have indiscriminately praised To what apparently trivial incidents may the English, and as indiscriminately abused the great results be traced! Had Benjamin Franklin's wig been a "good fit," he would have worn ger of indulging, on this occasion, in the usual

to make me sufficiently jealous of the honour of my country; and I may therefore hope to strike a fair balance between the two countries." This is all well, though somewhat self-lau-

datory, as regards profession; but no reader will follow the History, even if he have not, by way of critical correction, a minute acquaintance with the turnings and windings of the transactions chronicled—without being aware of the presence of prejudice and amiable self-importance in the writer. The impression will be strengthened by perusal of the second volume, in which the personal experience of many years' residence is amusingly recounted. We could not name any book since Miss Skene's, which so pictorially brings forward the Isles which so pictoriary orings forward the isles of Greece. Quickness of observation and neatness of description, however, do not always—more is the pity—imply such justice of conclusion as belongs to philosophical calmness and manly strength.

What has been said will, we think, receive illustration from the following character of "a Greek man of letters,"—in whose statements the historian of the Protectorate appears to place

implicit credence :-

Soon after his arrival in the islands, Sir Henry Storks made, in an interesting manner, the acquaintance of the most honest and the most quantance of the most worldly-wise, gentleman in the Ionian Islands. Signor Andrea Lascarato, a man of good family in Cephalonia, had, in an evil hour for his own peace of mind and for that of his family, assumed the dangerous office of a moral censor and satirist of his countrymen. In 1856 he published, in his native island, a work in modern Greek, called the 'Mysteries of Cephalonia.' In that book he did not attack individuals, with the exception of the Archbishop, who, being a single specimen of his class in the island, could not encape in a crowd. His attacks, otherwise, were made upon classes. But none of these were spared. This is not the place for entering fully into the interesting history of Signor Andrea Lascarato. Suffice it to say, that having excited the indignation of the great majority of his countrymen, and the furious hostility of the democratic party, the then Resident of Cephalonia advised him to quit the country. He field first to Zante, and then to England, which he had already visited for four months in 1851. He received a copy of his excommunication by the Archbishop of Cephalonia just as he landed for the second time in England. He stayed in London a year, and then returned to the Islands. For a time he lived at Zante, but there he was constantly persecuted, insulted, and terrified by the Ionian rabble; whilst the Resident was desirous to compel him to leave the Island for the sake of peace. pet him to leave the Island for the sake of peace. The priests denounced him as an atheist; the gentry either joined in the cry, or were silent; the 'Mysteries of Cephalonia' having depicted every class of Ionian society, from the highest to the lowest, in the darkest colours. Signor Lascarato had made himself, in fact, a kind of prose Juvenal; writing, however, without the protection of a mighty and benevolent emperor. In spite of his unimpeachable character, it was not in human nature that such a satirist should escape the hatred of his victims. The gross ignorance of the priests, and their pretended miracles, the abject superstition of the masses, and even of many of the gentry, were all eloquently denounced. Satirists are apt to lose sight of measure and moderation. To read the 'Mysteries of Cephalonia' with the faith apparently 'Mysteries of Cephalonia with the lath apparently due to the work of an honest man, intimately acquainted with his subject, was to arrive at a melancholy conclusion. Although the attack was made on the Cephalonians, it was generally interpreted as directed against all Ionians. Indeed, Lascarato esteemed the Zantiots and the Corfiots even less than he did the Cephalonians. Literally to believe his descriptions, the Islanders must pass for being the most wicked, weak, and despicable people on the face of the globe. And yet it is an undoubted fact that many of the Ionian gentry are as honest and gentlemanly as are the upper classes of France or of England. It was chiefly the priests, and the demagogue class of politicians, the de-ceivers of the ignorant mob, whom Lascarato desired to scourge. But his work had, unfortunately, the appearance of an indiscriminate fury directed against all classes. He resembled, indeed, a Malay excited by narcotic drugs, running a muck on the high road, and leaving a track of slaughter behind him. The priests and the demagogues, writhing under his lash, shrieked furiously for vengeance, and were by no means scrupulous as to the means of obtaining their object. The notorious anti-English demagogue, Lombardo, appears to have been foremost in denouncing Lascarato to the mob as an atheist. This was an unfounded charge. The satirist held up the New Testament and the life of Our Saviour as the test and example of his doctrines, and of the iniquities of his victims. There was, therefore, furious literary war between the simple and honest Lascarato and the cunning and intriguing Lombardo. Unfortunately, in his rage, the satirist denounced the demagogue early in 1859, as an arrant rogue as well as a political impostor. Lascarato was tried at Zante for libel. Well aware of the general fury prevailing against him, he failed to appear when summoned. Judgment by default was pronounced against him. He was sentenced to four months' imprisonment, an unusually severe sentence. He gave himself up in Cephalonia, and was put, in August, 1859, into the excellent prison, which is one of the numerous monuments of Sir Charles Napier's admirable government. Signor Lascarato has pub-lished in a small pamphlet, in the Italian language, the details of his imprisonment. As his facts have never been doubted, the details must be considered as very disgraceful to the local Government; but they will be reserved for another occasion. It is sufficient here to say that he fell into the power of a brutal tyrant. His jailer nearly broke his eart by cruelties and privations. But Lascarato at length succeeded in conveying a petition to the Lord High Commissioner, fully detailing the case. The result was his joyful liberation before he had undergone the half of his sentence. This, however, was chiefly due to a petition signed in his favour by the most respectable inhabitants of Cephalonia. The guilty jailer, for some incomprehensible reason, was leniently dealt with. He was removed from Cephalonia, but appointed to an office of trust in Zante, in which he had again the opportunity to exercise his natural brutality. He was finally dismissed from all Government employment for an infamous assault upon a very young girl. Justice, though criminally slow, reached him at last in the mild form of a dismissal. The Government could not have done less than it did. It assuredly should have done much more. The gratitude, however, of Lascarato was very great. He had met with such injustice and ill treatment, that the Lord High Commissioner's conduct appeared to him to be a rare act of magnanimity. He did not understand that no English gentleman could possibly have overlooked such a case of tyranny and misconduct in office when brought to his

How Sir Henry Storks appears to have cooled, and to have disappointed the expectation of Signor Lascarato, is subsequently told, with reserve and innuendo. It may be suggested, without the slightest imputation against the sincerity of the Greek Juvenal, or his English disciple, that the former, of necessity, could only give a partisan testimony, and thus was not the safest of guides, or the witness among witnesses the most to be relied on by an English historian.

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solid portion. In regard to all the outer aspects of Greek life and manners, the author whom Viscount Kirkwall edits is amusing and obvi-

Our author is amusingly emphatic in regard to the three cardinal nuisances of the Greek islands: their vermin, their horrible church-bells, which "murder sleep," and their earth-quakes,—in his angry denunciations reminding us of an Irish lady whom we met at Naples, who was affronted at all she saw and all that was to be heard and felt in the capital of the Two Sicilies. "O, Sur! I call this a horrud country; what with their musquetos, and their earthquakes, and their Popish sentiments, and their burning mountains, I call this a horrud country!" besides vermin, bells and earthquakes, the British sleeper in Greece has to contend with dogs and owls. The Greeks are assuredly a noisy people, and are as fond of the sound of pistol-shots as the wedding guests of an Altenburger bride :-

"On every Easter Eve, a gun is fired as a signal at eleven, A.M.; and, at the same instant, from the windows and tops of all the houses in Corfu, great quantities of crockery are discharged into the streets. For this memorable occasion, all broken or cracked earthenware jugs and dishes are carefully preserved throughout the year. The supposition is, that good Christians are stoning, in imagination, the traitor Jew. The Greeks will not readily confess this fact to strangers, yet it is generally believed. On Saturday the 14th of April, 1860, I (to use a sporting phrase) very nearly came to grief, from a misunderstanding in regard to this custom. I had been led to believe that operations were to commence at noon. But about two minutes to eleven, I was riding quietly along the Line Wall, on my way home, when I observed that the streets were unusually empty. My suspicions being excited, I asked of a man in a doorway if it were not at twelve that the gun would be discharged. He replied that it would be fired in a minute or two. I instantly set spurs to my horse, and galloped to my house at racing speed. Just as I had dismounted, bang went the gun, and down came the crash of crockery from the houses. From the moment the crockery falls, guns and pistols are fired in all directions.

Our author dwells with as much reason as earnestness on the damage to society in the Ionian Islands ascribable to the seclusion in which the Haidees and Katinkas, and other rare Grecian beauties, not dull in intelligence, are kept. He did his best as one holding an official position, and happy in having a wife to aid him, to break down the barrier during his residence in Cephalonia: gave balls and comic magic-lantern parties. Some civilizing influences were, obviously, needed there,—the state of things in the island having been "as under"

within the memory of man :-

Lascarato remembered the time when glass in the windows was a great rarity in Argostoli. The young doctors returning from the Italian colleges brought with them small window-frames fitted with glass to put up in their rooms, and thus to astonish the natives by their unwonted luxury. He told me some curious characteristics of the seclusion of the ladies in Cephalonia in former times. When the British officers were first quartered in Argostoli, about fifty years ago, as they never saw any ladies, they inquired if it were a city inhabited only by men. On learning that the town really contained fair ladies, but that custom secluded them from the sight of strangers, the young officers resolved to obtain a peep of them.
They adopted a notable scheme. They hired a number of donkeys, to which they appended plenty of bells. Then, mounting upon these animals with their faces towards the tails, they proceeded to ride through the streets. The ludicrous scene brought the whole population to the windows, and the officers returned to their quarters, joyfully exclaiming, 'At last we have seen the ladies!' When my The above paragraphs indicate why the second and slighter part of this new book is more edifying than its former and (in seeming) more allowed to see young ladies who required their compel inquiry. As this document is one of the least known, perhaps, of Bacon's compositions, we shall venture to quote its articles entire.

services. The doors of the rooms were provided with holes through which the ladies passed their feet in order to be measured."

On the whole, if the first volume of this book can only be read with much caution as an historical document, there can be no question that the second moiety contains much to amuse,and which brings a peculiar and interesting people (how far estimable or not is a separate question) before the eyes of those who sit at home nourishing themselves on the genius of Pindar and Homer and Anacreon and Euripides, and having a curiosity as to the descendants of those to whom these immortals gave out their oracles.

The Wisdom of our Fathers. Selections from the Writings of Lord Bacon. With a Memoir. (Religious Tract Society.)

In 'The Wisdom of our Fathers,' the wisdom of Francis Bacon is extremely conspicuous. Few men have said so many wise things as the Great Essayist, and still fewer men have said their wise things so wittily and well. His ser-mons lie in sentences, and his sentences sparkle into points. At the first blush, a writer like Bacon, so broad, so subtle, and worldly-bright, might appear to lie beyond the pale in which members of a Religious Tract Society would seek for aid in their peculiar work:—but only at the first blush; for Bacon, like Shakspeare and all the highest men, comprises in his own circle of ideas and expressions the whole round of human experience, and is capable of ministering at once to the intellect and the soul.

It has always been a joke against Mallet that he should have written a Life of Bacon and forgotten all the while that the hero of his pen was a philosopher. But other biographers may share the pleasant reproach. A hundred memoirs have been written by men who did not seem to know that Bacon was a Christian. Who has told us what were his religious views, what his religious habits? Does any fascinated reader of the Essays ever picture Bacon at his prayers, Bacon singing hymns? Yet we know very well that writing prayers and translating psalms were a portion of his labours, not less earnestly done than his 'Life of Henry the Seventh' and his plans for codifying the English Law. Of late years we have gained some intimate knowledge of his domestic life; and in particular we have learnt to appreciate the influence of his mother, a woman not more learned than devout. But no writer has yet considered the father of modern science from a religious point of view.

Bacon's theological works—though of far less importance to the world than his philosophical writings—are not inconsiderable in quantity. He wrote prayers; he composed hymns; he drew out a confession of faith; he dealt with the controversies which in his day divided the Church; he delivered his opinion on public worship, on the education of the clergy, and on the duties and advantages of toleration. On all these subjects he threw a flood of brilliant light. That searching intellect could never trifle with any topic, not even with such a trifle as a jest. With him a joke had its merry use. No force was ever lost; even his meteoric play of fancy was no other than a light by which he could make men see the truth.

In one remarkable paper, Bacon has drawn up the character of a Christian believer, in which he presents under the boldest forms of contradiction the dogmas of our Creed. It is a sort of proof exercise of genius; a paper to rouse attention, to stimulate thought, to compel inquiry. As this document is one of the

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They are called 'The Characters of a Believing man hath in the world, yet is truly sorrowful his will, yet he doth what he would not. Christian, in Paradoxes and seeming Contradic when he seeth any man have less than himself; wavers and doubteth, yet obtains. tions,' and are thirty-four in number:-

"1. A Christian is one that believes things his reason cannot comprehend; he hopes for things which neither he nor any man alive ever saw; he labours for that which he knoweth he shall never obtain, yet, in the issue, his belief appears not to be false, his hope makes him not ashamed, his labour is not in vain.

2. He believes three to be one, and one to be three; a father not to be elder than his son; a son to be equal with his father; and one pro-ceeding from both to be equal with both; he believing three persons in one nature, and two

natures in one person.

3. He believes a virgin to be mother of a son; and that very son of hers to be her Maker. He believes Him to have been shut up in a narrow room, whom heaven and earth could not contain. He believes him to have been born in time, who was and is from everlasting. He believes him to have been a weak child, carried in arms, who is the Almighty; and him once to have died, who 'only hath life and immortality' in him-

4. He believes the God of all grace to have been angry with one that hath never offended him; and that God, who hates sin, to be reconciled to himself, though sinning continually, and never making, or being able to make, Him satisfaction. He believes a most just God to have punished a most just Person, and to have justified himself though a most ungodly sinner. He believes himself freely pardoned, and yet a sufficient satisfaction was made for him.

5. He believes himself to be precious in God's sight, and yet loathes himself in his own. He dares not justify himself in those things wherein he can find no fault with himself, and yet believes that God accepts him in those services wherein he is able to find many faults.

6. He praises God for his justice, and yet fears him for his mercy. He is so ashamed as that he dares not open his mouth before God; and yet he comes with boldness to God, and asks him anything he needs. He is so humble as to acknowledge himself to deserve nothing but evil; and yet believes that God means him all good. He is one that fears always, yet is as bold as a lion. He is often sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; many times complaining, yet always giving thanks. He is the most lowly-minded, yet the greatest aspirer; most contented, yet ever craving.

7. He bears a lofty spirit in a mean condi-tion; when he is ablest, he thinks meanest of himself. He is rich in poverty, and poor in the midst of riches. He believes all the world to be his, yet he dares take nothing without special leave from God. He covenants with God for nothing, yet looks for a great reward. He loseth his life and gains by it; and whilst he loseth it,

he saveth it.

8. He lives not to himself, yet of all others he is most wise for himself. He denieth himself often, yet no man loveth himself so well as he. He is most reproached, yet most honoured. He hath most afflictions, and most comforts.

The more injury his enemies do him, the more advantages he gains by them. The more he forsakes earthly things, the more he enjoys

10. He is the most temperate of all men, yet fares most deliciously; he lends and gives most freely, yet he is the greatest usurer; he is meek the best child, husband, brother, friend; yet hates father and mother, brother and sister. He loves all men as himself, yet hates some men

he knoweth no man after the flesh, yet gives all men their due respects; he knoweth if he please man he cannot be the servant of Christ, yet, for Christ's sake, he pleaseth all men in all things. He is a peace-maker, yet is a continual fighter, and is an irreconcilable enemy.

12. He believes him to be worse than an infidel that provides not for his family, yet himself lives and dies without care. He accounts all his superiors, yet stands stiffly upon authority. He is severe to his children, because he loveth them; and by being favourable unto his enemy, he revengeth himself upon him.

13. He believes the angels to be more excel-lent creatures than himself, and yet accounts then his servants. He believes that he receives many good things by their means, and yet he neither prays for their assistance, nor offers them thanks, which he doth not disdain to do

to the meanest Christian.

14. He believes himself to be a king, how mean soever he be; and how great soever he be, yet he thinks himself not too good to be a

servant to the poorest saint.

15. He is often in prison, yet always at liberty; a freeman, though a servant. He loves not honour amongst men, yet highly prizeth a

16. He believes that God hath bidden every man that doth him good to do so; he yet of any man is the most thankful to them that do aught for him. He would lay down his life to save the soul of his enemy, yet will not adventure upon one sin to save the life of him who saved

17. He swears to his own hindrance, and changeth not; yet he knoweth that his oath cannot tie him to sin.

18. He believes Christ to have no need of anything he doth, yet maketh account that he doth relieve Christ in all his acts of charity. He knoweth he can do nothing of himself, yet labours to work out his own salvation. He professeth he can do nothing, yet as truly professeth he can do all things: he knoweth that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, yet believeth he shall go to heaven both body and soul.

19. He trembles at God's word, yet counts it sweeter to him than honey and the honey-comb, and dearer than thousands of gold and silver. 20. He believes that God will never damn

him, and yet fears God for being able to cast him into hell. He knoweth he shall not be saved by nor for his good works, yet he doth all

the good works he can.

21. He knoweth God's providence is in all things, yet is so diligent in his calling and business, as if he were to cut out the thread of his own happiness. He believes before-hand that God hath purposed what he shall be, and that nothing can make him to alter his purpose;

that nothing can make him to alter his purpose; yet prays and endeavours, as if he would force God to save him for ever.

22. He prays and labours for that which he is confident God means to give; and the more assured he is, the more earnestly he prays for that he knows he shall never obtain, and yet gives not over. He prays and labours for that which he knows he shall be no less—happy without: he prays with all his—heart not to be without; he prays with all his heart not to be led into temptation, yet rejoiceth when he is fallen into it; he believes his prayers are heard, even when they are denied, and gives thanks for that which he prays against.

23. He hath within him both flesh and spirit, yet he is not a double-minded man; he is often

led captive by the law of sin, yet it never gets

24. He is often tossed and shaken, yet it is as Mount Sion; he is a serpent and a dove; a lamb and a lion; a reed and a cedar. He is sometimes so troubled, that he thinks nothing to be true in religion; yet if he did think so, he could not at all be troubled. He thinks sometimes that God hath no mercy for him, yet resolves to die in the pursuit of it. He believes, like Abraham, against hope, and though he cannot answer God's logic, yet, with the woman of Canaan, he hopes to prevail with the rhetoric

of Canaan, he hopes to prevail with the Moora of importunity.

25. He wrestles, and yet prevails; and though yielding himself unworthy of the least blessing he enjoys, yet, Jacob-like, he will not let Him go without a new blessing; he sometimes thinks himself to have no grace at all, and yet, how poor and afflicted soever he be, he would not change conditions with the most prosperous man under heaven that is a manifest worldling.

26. He thinks sometimes that the ordinances of God do him no good, yet he would rather part with his life than be deprived of them.

27. He was born dead; yet so that it had been murder for any to have taken his life away. After he began to live, he was ever dying. 28. And though he hath an eternal life begun

29. He counts self-murder a heinous sin, yet

is ever busied in crucifying the flesh, and in putting to death his earthly members; not doubting but there will come a time of glory, when he shall be esteemed precious in the sight of the great God of heaven and earth; appearing with boldness at his throne, and asking anything he needs, being endued with humility, by acknowledging his great crimes and offences, and that he deserveth nothing but severe punishment.

30. He believes his soul and body shall be as full of glory as them that have more; and no more full than theirs that have less.

31. He lives invisible to those that see him, and those that know him best do but guess at him: yet those, many times, judge more truly of him than he doth of himself.

32. The world will sometimes account him a saint, when God accounteth him a hypocrite; and afterwards, when the world branded him for a hypocrite, then God owned him for a saint.

33. His death makes not an end of him. His soul which was put into his body, is not to be perfected without his body; yet his soul is more happy when it is separated from his body, than when it was joined unto it; and his body, though torn in pieces, burned to ashes, ground to powder, turned to rottenness shall be no

34. His Advocate, his Surety, shall be his Judge; his mortal part shall become immortal; and what was sown in corruption and defilement shall be raised in incorruption and glory; and a finite creature shall possess an infinite happi-

GLORY BE TO GOD."

This paper is among the selections of wisdom offered to its readers by the Religious Tract Society; the republication showing that its spirit and intent are well understood. The other selections from Lord Bacon's writings have either a religious or a moral value, distinct from the mere literary expression. Among them is the famous letter of expostulation with Coke. Nothing shows more powerfully the change of mind with regard to Bacon than the selection, by a religious society, for one of its popular books of extracts, of this letter to Coke—above with a perfect hatred.

dominion over him; he cannot sin, yet can do books of extracts, of this letter to Coke—above nothing without sin. He doth nothing against all, of its selection as a piece of moral and

religious teaching, taken from the life. In days when it was our humour to abuse Bacon, to invent lies about him, to put false constructions on his words, this letter used to be cited by essayists and critics as evidence that he was mean and harsh. But with a juster view of the man's nature comes a fairer interpretation of his words; and that which was formerly denounced as cruel insult, is now exhibited as sedate and just reproof.

This remark reminds us that a fair, pleasant memoir is prefixed to this volume, the writer of which has freed himself from many of the ancient errors and from some of the ancient prejudices. He does not always go so far as we do in acknowledgment of Bacon's natural nobleness of heart and brain; but he travels on the same road, and often arrives at the same

conclusions as ourselves.

The book is one which it is a credit to the Religious Tract Society to have produced.

Alexandri Neckam De Naturis Rerum. Libri Duo. With the Poem of the same Author, De Laudibus Divinæ Sapientiæ. by Thomas Wright. (Longman & Co.)

AFTER the lapse of about six centuries and a half, the works of Alexander Neckam (Alexander Nequam, as contemporary wits called him), the foster-brother of Richard Cour-de-Lion, are now first published, under the auspices of the Master of the Rolls, as a portion of the national chronicles during the Middle This scholar of St. Albans, and ultimately Abbot of Cirencester, was richly endowed with school learning, and was an adept in all the laborious trifling to which learned men were then greatly addicted. Thus, in his book on the natures of various things he finds in "cadaver" the abbreviations of three distinct words—co, representing "caro," da, "data," and ver, "vermibus,"—whereby, for the castigation of vanity, he defines cadaver as "caro data vermibus," flesh given to the worms. Neckam will remind some readers of Æliannot, indeed, in his moralizing, but in his gossiping anecdotes of animals and the wonderful stories he has to tell of their ways and habits of life. Some of these are original, but the old monk, in compiling his volume on Earth, Air, Fire, and Water, has taken many a marvellous illustration from older writers, whose manuscripts he had perused when he was head-master of Dunstable School, or when he was Professor in the University of Paris, or during the time he was an Augustinian monk, and finally Abbot, at Cirencester. The treatise, intended to be philosophical, is what would now be designated as "popular" in manner as in matter. Thus Neckam, in describing the Moon, describes also the Man that is supposed to be therein, and this is the earliest allusion made to the well-known legend. Some of the natural-history anecdotes would have afforded new material to the many recent compilers of volumes on that subject. Among a multitude of other stories, we are told that the hawk in winter seizes the first bird of warm plumage on which it ear lay claw, lies on it all night, and, in return for its service, refrains. from breakfasting on it in the morning. Then, we hear of a Welsh river on one bank only of which the nightingale is ever heard singing; and we meet with a stork which, having been unfaithful to her absent lord, is plucked and pecked at by a jury of her indignant equals. As for the crowing of the cock, Neckam gravely tells us that the hot humours of the bird excites a salt, itching, and finally tickling sensation, which last creates a delight that finds expression in a crow! He settles, quite as

satisfactorily, why the female birds of prey are larger than their lords. These are but waifs and strays from his moralized stories on the air. He is not less wonderful on the water. connexion herewith, he renders justice to the mediæval British sailor, one of whom crossed the Channel in a boat, accompanied by his dog. which had learnt to manage the ropes with its mouth, at the orders of its master! And he informs us that Alexander the Great went down into the sea in a vessel of glass, in order to observe the way of life among the fishes. Neckam little thought that the time would come when we should have the fish themselves in glass vessels, and men studying their manners and customs without going down to the depths of the sea. Neckam was less instructed than we are why plants are green, but he boldly assigns groundless causes for this and other Sometimes he only asserts, as when he remarks that when old people ate of Egyptian figs, they lost their wrinkles, and became, in modern phrase, "beautiful for ever." other times, and that frequently, he throws in a moral or ejaculates a wish. The fiercest bull, bound to this fig-tree, becomes tame. "Oh!' exclaims Neckam, "that this tree would exercise its virtues on our tyrants and on ill-grained companions!" Most frequently he loves to indulge in fantastic ideas, as when he takes the fidus Achates of Æneas to be simply an agate (achates) which Æneas carried about with him, for that stone renders the bearer amiable, elegant and powerful. He does not tell us why the loadstone placed on the brow of a sleeping light-o'-love lady will compel her to make a clean breast of it; but he sees, acutely enough, that much of what is ascribed to the strong vision of the lynx should be attributed to the fineness of its power of scent.

In this wise, the monk goes on through a long succession of light chapters, few of which do not carry a moral to their lightness. When he comes to treat of learning as it was then understood, he manifests great distrust of its alleged soundness; when he treats of chivalry, he takes from it all its romance, and knights are "trotted out" only to show what sorry varlets and worthless fellows many of them The ladies do not come off better than the knights, and female virtue seems to have been of as poor a quality as knightly valour. Courage and chastity were the exceptional virtues amid abounding vice. Foppery reigned to a lamentable extent; and of the twelfth-century fops he draws a striking picture-notes the play of their eyes and eyebrows, the movements of the muscles of the face, the motions of feet and hands, and the progress they make, one shoulder in advance of the other. "You would take such an one for a Thraso," he says, "only that he out-Thrasoes Thraso." Their walk, their voice, their general aspect and foolery, are admirably touched off. There is no more amusing chapter in this volume (the poem in which is a paraphrase of the prose, without the anecdotes) than those which satirize the persons, fashions, failings and vices of the

But it is not so much in these portraits of his contemporaries, excellently as these are limned, nor in the reflections and maxims of the author, nor in his amusing romance of natural history, that Neckam will be acceptable to the modern reader, as in the truths which accompany the narrations, and which serve to rectify prevailing errors and conceptions. For instance, an antiquary of these later days discovers a mass of burnt coals at the base of a mysterious upright stone, which he has cleared of surrounding earth. "Remnants of sacrifice, altar and fire!" exclaims the antiquary. Neckam will serve

to temper his enthusiasm; for, says the Cirencester monk, "burnt coal lasts so incorruptibly, that they who mark out boundaries employ it by throwing a quantity of half-burnt coal into a hole, over which they erect stones, whereby for any number of ages afterwards the presence of the coal may convince any contentious litigator as to the existence of the true boundary

Equally curious is the account of the early Equally curious is the account of the early use of the mariner's compass. We have, hitherto, been told that the Chinese compass, the needle of which pointed southward, and served to guide travellers by land or water, dates from about eleven centuries before Christ, This, however, is uncertain. The invention of the true mariner's compass is assigned to the Neapolitan Gioja, or the Venetian Marco Polo, about the year 1260. But here we have Neckam, who died in 1217, stating that "sailors as they sail over the seas, when in cloudy weather they can no longer profit by the light of the sun, or when the world is wrapped up in the darkness of the shades of night, and they are ignorant to what point of the compass their ship's course is directed, they touch the magnet with a needle, which (the needle) is whirled round in a circle, until, when its motion ceases, its point looks direct to the north." Previous to this, however, the principle of the compass was known, and applied by laying the needle on straws, split sticks, or fixing it to a piece of cork in the water; but Neckam's description goes beyond this, and points to a more perfect instrument, something more like the modern compass, for he includes (in his 'De Utensilibus, quoted by Mr. Wright) among the indispensable requirements of a ship, "a needle mounted on a pivot, which will oscillate and turn until the point looks to the north, and the sailors will thus know how to direct their course when the polar star is concealed through the troubled state of the atmosphere."

As of the compass, so do we learn something new of the mirror, inasmuch as that of which Neckam treated in the twelfth century is the ordinary implement made of glass, "whereas," says Mr. Wright, "we are accustomed to suppose that mirrors of metal were the only implements of this description then in use." Neckam notes that if the lead (plumbum) be taken from the back, the glass reflects no image, and thereupon he counsels men to preserve the foundation of their faith; but when he states that in a concave mirror the figure is reversed, but in a plane or a convex mirror it is erect, he is lost in wonder, and, unable to make a moral application, he can only exclaim, "Who can assign a sufficient reason for this?" And thus he writes in the twelfth century, long before the world heard of the Venetian glass mirrors, the invention of which dates but from the first year of the fourteenth.

From our brief analysis of these two works of the learned foster-brother of the King of the Lion Heart, our readers will perceive that one of the qualities of the volume lies in its infinite variety. From beginning to end there is no lack of amusement; but Alexander Neckam never forgets to make instruction, both moral and religious, wait upon even the merriest of his pages.

The Children of Lutetia. By Blanchard Jerrold. 2 vols. (Low & Co.)

Mr. Jerrold is not so happy as usual in the name of his book. Many readers may not guess till they open it that by Lutetia is meant Paris; then why not Julii Civitas as well as Lutetia? Moreover, if he insists on Lutetia, then should the Gallic capital be described as a city of Belgic Gaul, situated, not on the con-

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the Sequana and Matrona. But though the title be somewhat affected and unlucky, the book is a good book, and therein may we find compensation.

We are told that the poor shall never fail in the land, and we are taught to have compassion on the poor. In Paris, if paupers and other helpless creatures are many, and often oppressed, it is certain, on the other hand, that they are, for the most part, judiciously treated as regards the succour afforded to them. This is the conclusion that all will arrive at who peruse these volumes, whether the reader relies most on the

anecdotal or the statistical portions.

The author has not furnished us with a mere compilation, but has set down the results of his own experiences. He seems to have left no place unvisited where the destitute or helpless dwelt in misery, or were aided in organized institutions. He gives us ample opportunity for amending our own system of relief, and yet does not see all things in Lutetia under a rose-coloured light. The book, in one word, is as instructive as it is amusing.

An extract or two will serve better to show the nature of the contents than much description,-and here is one that is at least encouraging to the workmen on this side of the Channel :-

"It is the general regret of Frenchmen, who are proud of the position their country has long held as the supreme producer of art-manufactures, that while England has been advancing in matters of taste, France has stood still. Edmond Texier has lately warned his countrymen in the Siècle, that France had now another formidable rival in art-manufactures. This writer says that ten years ago England was the first industrial nation for quantity, and the last in matters of taste. Her want of art was a reproach so often thrust at her, that she at last, regardless of expense, made a razzia in the workshops of France, and carried back to sordid Albion the picked art-workmen of Paris. England has now taught many of her workmen to be artists; and it was the Exhibition of 1862 that discovered to the Parisians they had a new and powerful rival. The art-workmen of Paris are now exhorted to make great efforts for the Universal Exhibition of 1867. They are to re-assert and to re-establish their supremacy."

Occasionally, we come upon passages which we seem to have met with before in print; but the following view of the sick ward at the Foundling is entirely new to us:—

"As we entered it, there was the subdued babble of children of various ages, down to the little thing that could just totter alone. The invalids, who were ordered not to rise, were lying on iron beds placed in rows against the walls, with tickets over the head of each bed, describing the case or treatment of the sufferer. In the centre of the room were groups of little children, all dressed in blue, interspersed with sisters and nurses, who were chatting to them, or patting their cheeks, or attending to their wants. One sister was laughingly teaching a little girl, apparently about two years old, to pronounce two or three difficult words. child bungled, and the sister tried again; and then can bungled, and the sister tried again; and then the two laughed together. These were the convalescents, and were about to be sent to their proper sections in the new buildings. Opposite this sick ward was the surgical ward. It was arranged like that which I have just described, but it was a most distance about the law of the control distressing place to be in. Nearly every child in it appeared to be suffering acute pain, and the crying was one incessant chorus, that smote to the heart. It was pitched in every key. There was the sharp, short cry of intense pain, and the moaning sob of the dull, even ache. I noticed only one child that seemed to be at peace. She was a little girl with a bright and happy face, a little wearied by sickness, with her toys lying idle upon the bed, under her thin white hands. From this surgical ward my

fluence of the Seine and Marne, but on that of | than those I had hitherto entered, and was inhabited by a set of babies who appeared to object most decidedly to the process they were undergoing. A sister, with a baby in her arms, advanced to meet us. It was curious to remark how tender she was with the sick child she held in her arms, and yet how business-like and hard in her manner when she spoke of its death as certain. She lifted its hand and showed it to me and the attendant, and then went rapidly through the fatal symptoms of her charge. I could see that this sister was a most kindly and gentle creature, and that what appeared hardness was only long custom. Death, to her, was an every-day visitor, whose presence was not more startling than the rising sun."

On the subject of working men, and the Imperial policy which keeps them employed, Mr. Jerrold has much to say that is of general interest. But the employed are not the satis-

"The lodgings of the working classes in London are bad enough; but when we compare their situation and their condition with the situation and condition of those inhabited by the families of Paris operatives, we are no longer surprised that when delegates from French trades visited London in 1862, they were struck with the general comfort they saw. London improvements have not the exterior beauty of those of Paris-indeed, it would be ridiculous to attempt any comparison between them; but, at least, the new arteries that have been made in the British metropolis have been designed chiefly for the ventilation and for the convenience of the inhabitants. It has often been said by ambitious architects, that London requires the presence of an absolute sovereign, of the Bonaparte type, for two years. He would build us boulevards, and lay out our great sites to the best advantage. Jules Simon would answer these gentlemen by saying, 'I repeat, with the authority of great experience, that a great city, which includes an enormous population of men and women, who earn low wages, should not be dealt with in utter disregard of their wishes and their necessities.' To men who know the population of Paris, and the hard lives tens of thousands lead, the lines of palaces that have been pushed through the poor quarters on the south side of the Seine are monstrous lumps of wickedness. The workmen who raise them look upon them in dismay. The poor people on the sites of whose houses they are built shift their humble household gods farther out of the wicked city, and wonder when the powers that rear these palaces will think of them and their little ones. While these great works go forward year after year, the poor working classes are driven closer and closer together in the still fewer and fewer tenements that are left for their use. The home, as M. Simon most truly and effectively observes, continually suffers, and every day the workman is more tempted than he was yesterday to obey the friends who call him to spend his evenings by the cheery fire and behind the red curtains of the cabaret. To the list of men who have striven earnestly to provide healthy and cheap homes for the working classes of Paris, the name of M. Puteaux (hims if once a working carpenter), who built, who created Batignolles, should be added. He died in April last, regretted by thousands."

We conclude by remarking, that this is the first book we have met with the very statistics of which are treated in a way to amuse as well as edify.

NEW POETRY.

The Infant Bridal; and other Poems. By Aubrey De Vere. (Macmillan & Co.)—In these pages Mr. De Vere collects the principal poems which he has from time to time published, and adds to them several new ones. Though not confident that his effusions will ever become popular, we are glad to possess the best of them in a single volume. In spite of grave faults, they are unquestionably poetry; they express emotion, and moral truths so often revealed through emotion, in forms of beauty and melody. That the writings of Mr. De Vere, though subjects and partly to a want of breadth and decision in the treatment of them. His favourite themes are obviously those derived from classical antiquity, and it is less his misfortune than his fault that they have little attraction for modern taste. We need not now inquire how far a man of imagination is justified in disregarding the bias of his own times; it is, however, certain that he who does so often wastes resources which if more prudently employed would have produced the happiest results. Only the highest genius could, for instance, in our day compel attention to an epic poem, a classical tragedy, or a heroic painting. We do not mean to disparage Mr. De Vere's powers when we say that they are unequal to efforts of this kind. From 'The Search after Proserpine'—the longest poem in the book—we could cite delightful pictures and many subtleties of thought and characterization. But, for all this, the piece lacks that sustained and concentrated glow of imagination which redeems, as it were, from their obscure haze the distant landmarks on the coast of Fancy. Mr. De Vere takes pleasure, moreover, in making his fable the vehicle of psychological meanings—a high purpose, undoubtedly, but one which often betrays him into vagueness. In his poem of 'Psyche,' for example, we find it hard to detect whether the poet's idol be a human object or the symbol of a spiritual principle. We incline to the latter conclusion, but the suggestions which beset us are so numerous and perplexing that we can only hazard a guess. After these exceptions, let us offer a proof or two in support of our praise. Here is an apostrophe from an 'Ode to the Daffodil,' at once carefully true to the facts of nature and touched with that light of emotional fancy which invests nature with human attributes :-

Thou laugh'st, bold outcast, bright as brave,
When the wood bellows, and the cave,
And leagues inland is heard the wave!
Hating the dainty and the fine
As sings the blackbird thou dost shine!
Thou com'st while yet on mountain lawns high up
Lurks the last snow-wreath: by the berried breer
While yet the black spring in its craggy cup
No music makes or charms no listening ear.
Thou com'st while from the oak stock or red beech

Thou com'st while from the oak stock or red beech
Dead Autumn scoffs young Spring with splenetic speech;
When in her vidual chastity the Year
With frozen memories of the sacred past
Her doors and heart makes fast,
And loves no flower save those that deck the bier:
Ere yet the blossomed sycamore
With golden surf is curdled o'er;
Ere yet the birch against the blue
Her silken tissue weaves anew.
Thou com'st while, meteo-rike 'mid fens, the weed
Swims, wan in light; while sleet-showers whitening glare;
Weeks ere by river brims, new furred, the reed
Leans its green javelin level in the air.

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—As an example of delicate skill in character-drawing we give the following sketch. The gracious nature that converts grief into moral beauty is indicated with a quiet simplicity, a gentle and slow movement of rhythm, and a felicity of imagery that impress us with the charm of completeness:-

A CHARACTER.

She scarce can tell if she have loved or not;
She of her heart no register has kept:
She knows but this, that once too blest her lot
Appeared for earth; and that ere long she wept.

Upon life's daily task without pretence She moves; and many love her, all revere: She will be full of joy when summoned hence, Yet not unhappy seems while lingering here.

If once her breast the storms of anguish tore, On that pure lake no weeds or scum they cast: Time has ta'en from her much, but given her more; And of his gifts the best will be the last.

Her parents lie beneath the churchyard grass; On her own strength and foresight she is thrown, Who, while her brothers played, too timid was To join their sports; and played or sighed alone.

Her heart is as a spot of hallowed ground Filled with old tombs and sacred to the Past, Such as near villages remote is found, Or rain-washed chancel in some woodland waste:

It once was pierced each day with some new stone, And thronged with weeping women and sad men; But now it lies with grass and flowers o'ergrown, And o'er it pipes the thrush and builds the wren.

The book, as we have said, has its defects; but it will still be welcome to poetical readers for its pure and exalted feeling, for the melody of its numbers, and the delicate fancy of its style.

Sonnets on the Months : and other Poems, Deattendant conducted me down the corridor to the weaning department. It was a room much smaller known must be ascribed partly to his choice of ham. (Gratton.)—If we were asked to point out

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any thoroughly new thought or image in Mr. Askham's volume we should probably be at a loss. Yet we have read it with no little pleasure, for the writer has that quality of earnestness which often gives interest to the commonest themes. The flowers in his cottage plot are humble and familiar, but they have life,—they drink in the dew and the sunshine. The book lacks the depth and vigour which denote originality; but we find in it many instances of fresh and healthy feeling—of manly tenderness and simple grace of description. To the last quality this sonnet will bear witness:—

Tis Summer's noon: high rides the fervid sun
O'er fresh-mown meads and fields of waving corn;
The shining streams in dreamy music run,
Kissed by the pensile willows that adorn
Their flowery banks; from mid-day's glowing heat
The panting cattle seek the welcome shade;
In the deep shadow of the wood's retreat
The woodbine, in gay Summer dress arrayed,
With wanton wooing winds its fawning arms
Around the sturdy oak with sweet embrace;
Like living gems, the fitting insect awarms
In ceaseless dance run out their little race;
Nature in all her beauty cheers the sight,
Serene the day, and calm the short-lived night.

—As the work of a man engaged in daily toil the book is more than creditable. The love of poetry, Mr. Askham tells us, has cheered and comforted him; the present fruits of that love should not be without solace and attraction for others.

The Termination of the Sixteenth Canto of Lord Byron's 'Don Juan.' By Harry W. Wetton. (Trübner & Co.) — Byron's 'Don Juan,' justly obnoxious as it is to the censure of moralists, is, by pretty general consent, regarded as its author's masterpiece. It rivals the best of his works in descriptive beauty and grandeur, in pathos and vigour of feeling, in exuberance of wit and humour,—while in the combination of these qualities and in fertility of invention it stands alone. Such is the poem which Mr. Wetton here undertakes to complete. His friends, it appears, were a little distrustful of his success; the passage in which he describes their misgivings will perhaps show how far they were warranted:—

They told me I had no facility
For making any rhyme of any kind—
They altogether doubted my ability,
And seemed to think I had not any mind,
I bore it all with patience and docility,
For if, at any time, I felt inclined
For self-defence, methought 'twas only fools
Who strove to argue with pedantic schools.
But what such say or think is of small matter:
My walks through life will lead me far from them;
For ere a month shall stormy Biscay scatter
Her briny foam between myself and them,
"Tis for the public to condemn or flatter—
They are my only arbiters—with them
The verdict lies. A prejudicial crew
Shall never dictate what I am to do.

—At page 17 Mr. Wetton mildly congratulates himself upon his decision:—

nself upon his decision:—
This is my maiden essay; till to-day
I ne'er was so ambitious as to think
Forming my words in Minion's prim array,
Or changing Mordan's for the printer's ink.
Now that I've got my poem under weigh
(To use a seaman phrase), although it sink
In Lethe's wave, without one friendly greet,
Still, I must own, to publish is sweet.

—The poet has, however, no serious apprehensions of the catastrophe at which he glances here. Unless his faith in the success of his venture had been strong he would have hardly thought it necessary to elucidate the stanza just quoted by the following note:—

"Note 9, Stanza 17.

Forming my words in Minion's prim array.

It was originally intended to have printed these stanzas in that letter which, in typography, is termed Minion."

—His estimate of the interest which would attach to himself must also have been tolerably high, or it would not have occurred to him that the fact stated in another note was of general importance:

"Note 6, Stanza 9.

For ere a month shall stormy Biscay scatter
Her briny foam between myself and them.

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It is the intention of the author to leave this country for Spain early in the ensuing Summer."

—But these are matters which we may leave to our readers. They are now aware of the task which Mr. Wetton proposed to himself, and they have some idea of his qualifications for accomplishing it.

NEW NOVELS.

Velvet Lawn; a Novel. By Charles Felix. 3 vols. (Saunders, Otley & Co.)—Every Buckinghamshire man knows that there is in his own native land a beautiful spot called "Velvet Lawn," far-famed for pic-nics and flirtations, and conspicuous in the annals of county gatherings. For fear of mistakes, we must at once say that the scene of the novel before us is not laid in Buckinghamshire, but in a western county, within a few miles of the flourishing sea-port of Westpool. The chief interest of the book turns upon the sudden and mysterious death of John Radnage, owner of "Velvet Lawn"; and the author, while allowing us dimly to suspect the real criminal, has very skilfully kept the facts out of sight until the very end of the book. So carefully, indeed, is this managed that every reader would almost feel it his duty, if placed in the witness-box, to swear an alibi in favour of the very person he suspects. Yet the modus operandi of the culprit is so clearly shown when the proper time comes, that we cannot accuse our author of trusting too much to our fond nature. In short, Mr. Felix has borne in mind a principle which some novel-writers of the day are very apt to forget; namely, that a trifling improbability is a fault, if not duly explained; while great wonders may be admitted, provided always that they are properly supported. There are a few minor errors in the narrative, which might have been avoided by a careful revision, and the characters are not very interesting. We ought to feel sorry when Lilian Rensdall, the beautiful and good, falls from one unhappy delusion into another, and at last accuses a dreadful crime; but we are bound to herself of herself of a dreadful crime; but we are bound to confess that our sympathy is not of an overpower-ing kind. Nor do we feel any very strong desire for the happiness of the various lovers, or any enthusiastic admiration for anybody. But the characters, if deficient in colouring, are by no means weak in outline; and the plot appears to us to be original and is certainly remarkable for its

From Pillar to Post: a Novel. (Tinsley Brothers.) -We have here a striking illustration of "much ado about nothing." A few threads of story almost invisibly fine are so complicated by a fast and elliptical style, that to unravel them costs as much effort as would a plot of incident and intrigue. We believe, however, that the tale before us runs as follows. One Cyril Vavasour, whose fastidious taste and refined intellect are not quite in harmony with his slender fortunes, falls in love with Mary Dormer, the daughter of an artist. It again perhappens, that the rewards of the artist come in the shape of praise rather than that of coin, so that the young people, if they marry, will have to live, for the most part, upon air and hope. This prospect is unsatisfactory to Mary, who, with a shrewdness very disenchanting in heroines, declines to marry Cyril until he can maintain her. The gentleman tolerably well conceals his revulsion from this financial affection, and is so far moved by a lingering tenderness, that he renews his prosals to Mary when he finds, after her father's death, that she has been left quite unprovided for. The young lady ascribes her suitor's conduct to a nice sense of honour rather than to love, and accordingly rejects him. Cyril, whose means, though improved, are still narrow, again believes that he is refused from selfish motives. Eventually, an explanation takes place. The silly young people discover that they have mutually wronged each other, and a good deal of unreasonable transport follows the same amount of unnecessary wretchedness.—Such is the plot. The characters, generally speaking, are shadowy, and do not fall happily into narrative. A partial exception, however, may be made in favour of Guy Blacklock, who is tolerably entertaining and life-like. Like Vavasour, he has been rendered cynical by thwarted affection, but his sarcastic misanthropy is more lively than the blasé indifference of his companion. As an example of Blacklock's satire, which without probing deeply, is quaint and incisive, we quote the following:—
"Ah, my good friend, beware of immortal truths! I have buried many in my time. It is not pleasant to be the sexton to one's own abortive opinions,

especially when one feels no promise of a more perfect parturition. Abortive opinions are like other abortive births; they weaken and disfigure the frame which, had they arrived at maturity, they would have strengthened and adorned. Morality never changes! We hear of fashionable vices never changes! not of fashionable virtues : but the latter exist no less than the former. Looking through history as well as around me, I find a morality which has its sanction in the convenience of the majority. The talents that exalted Mercury into a god, now-a-days sink Smith into a felon: the wit that won the former a place in a mythological Walhalla, carries the latter into a matter-of-fact dock. Personal strength used to conquer crowns: it now subjects you to an indictment for assault and an action for damages. In the heroic days, if you were weak you were kicked; now, you are coddled in an hos-pital, or propped up with a subscription. Morality not change ! Of course it does: the mischief is, we will not allow it to change enough. The facts have changed—that is certain enough: them we cannot master. Preach from a million pulpits as you will, one day in the seven, against the lust of mammon-worship, there comes from the crowded cities and from the fallow-fields, on the other six, one huge contradicting voice, proclaiming aloud the new and only commandment—Thou shalt not Our extract is a favourable specimen of the book. It is at times clever, but more often forced and flippant; and shows an assumption of worldly wisdom, which makes us distrust the writer when he strives to be earnest. On the whole, the tale is an unpleasant one; faint, as a rule, in character, and meagre in incident, and unwholesome in tone: its redeeming features are some keenness of observation, and occasional liveliness of style.

Barbara Home. 3 vols. By Margaret Blount. (Maxwell & Co.)—One of the cardinal sins of French fiction is the unprincipled use to which epithets are applied; they bewilder, and are intended to bewilder the reader, by their appeal to his senses; the light and shade of the epithets give a colour to the narrative, which makes all the difference between telling one's own version of an affair, and hearing the same facts narrated by a policeman. This use of highly-coloured words is the only marking peculiarity of 'Barbara Home.' A description will illustrate and justify what we have said. Barbara Home has invited Lord Morton to supper, with the fixed intention of poisoning him. She has a good long score of hatred and injuries against him: she also intends to commit suicide at the same time,—the game of life having gone against her. The author seems to think that against ner. The author seems to think that adjectives and upholstery are "extenuating cir-cumstances":—"Barbara stood for a moment on the threshold, noticing all these things. Perhaps she had never looked more beautiful in her life. Her golden hair fell in a mass of light upon her shoulders; pearls mixed with opals were upon her neck and arms; a rope of pearls girded her slender waist; and an opal, changing colour with her every movement, glowed upon the diadem of wrought gold that shone upon her forehead. There was something in the gleam of those opals, in the was something in the greath of those opening pale lustre of those pearls, which suited strangely the room and its owner." Barbara receives the earl, and they eat a good supper of the "costly viands, though "jellies" and "cates" seem to have been the and they eat a good supper of the "costry viants, though "giellies" and "cottes" seem to have been the chief of their diet; they drink Tokay till Lord Morton declares that "his head feels strangely." "No doubt," she replied, while "her blue eyes snapped and sparkled like balls of fire." She then eds to sum up his sins, and assures him that he is poisoned past the help of antidote. After much cursing, and "kneeling at her feet for merey," he at last "flung his arms over his head with a horrible shrick, and fell heavily on the floor." As she had partaken with him of the poisoned wine, she ought to have shrieked and died also; but it was desirable to make a difference, and do it grace fully. "She then drained the fatal goblet herself, and sank down in the velvet chair"; and when the policemen break in, they find "a dead body lying face downwards on the floor"; "whilst a lady of beautiful and queenly presence reclines with her head against the cushions." Here is the

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author's conclusion of the whole matter:-"A author's conclusion of the whole matter:—"A newspaper paragraph! Yes, Barbara's forebodings had only proved too true. Not one circumstance of her life escaped the eager newspaper reporters—not one crime, not one mistake, not one error; and not one crime, not one mistake, not one error; and as she laid quietly in her grave, her name was bandied about from lip to lip, coupled with the epithets 'murdress,' 'adultress.' Well, what did it matter to her, after all? She slept none the less sweetly in her lonely grave for the outcry; nor did the green grass refuse to grow, or the white flowers to bloom, over the last resting-place for her sins." The Barbara about whom the author makes this sentimental moan had lived a life of unmitigated deception, and was spotted with every sin that has a name; her solitary virtue is a light azure velvet a name; her solitary virtue is a light azure velvet dress, embroidered with seed pearls. When the heroine is particularly wicked, the author always calls attention to her dress, or her attitude, or her "queenly grace." Of course, Barbara is like no human being who ever drew the breath of life; her guardian angel, the author, not only "gently scans" her character, but she holds her back on the very verge from actually committing in deed the sins which her violent passions have induced her to contemplate; but neither she nor the book are any the better for that. There is a sensuality in the mode of dealing with sin and shame, of which neither the unreality of the different characters, nor the unlikeness of everything in the book to anything in real life, can acquit the author. The fault remains that Margaret Blount has used what talent she has to confound the distinction between crime and misfortune, and to call wilful wickedness by the fine names of Fate and Destiny. Worthless as the book is as regards literary merit, there is, nevertheless, an insidious, enervating tendency, which is to be deprecated on the score of morality, just

the coloured sugar-plums, rank much alike. Under the Ban (Le Maudit): a Tale of the Nineteenth Century. Translated from the French of M. l'Abbé *****. 3 vols. (Smith, Elder & Co.)—We spoke of this story when it appeared in its original language as a book of some power and original initiage as a book of some power and more tediousness, to which the controversies of the time might possibly impart adventitious interest. This has proved to be the case. Since our notice was written, a second part, 'La Religieuse,' has been published, which follows the usual rule of continuctions in him less constitutions in him less constituti continuations, in being less powerful and more tedious than the first portion. And here we have 'Le Maudit' translated for the benefit of those who mistrust the Jesuits, desire to be indignant at their maneuvres and misdeeds, yet cannot read French easily. Of course the tale is not lightened by the process; and can only live in England even as 'Cœleba' and 'Father Clement,' and others of what are called religious fictions, have done before it. This class of stories, we need not say, is anything but a favourite one with us. 'Under the Ban,' however, is not chargeable with the acrimony and the open prejudice which too frequently disfigure novels of its quality.

as we would forbid children to eat sugar-plums coloured with vermilion and copperas on the score of their health. These two articles, the novel and

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

The Annual Register, 1863. (Rivingtons.)— Taking from the shelf the 'Annual Register for 1758,' the first volume of the series, and opening itat random, we find a poem by Dr. Akenside, rebuk-ing "heedless Albion" in no measured terms, and twitting her with being "inexpert in arms, yet vain of freedom." How strange does this sound to us, who have seen English soldiers effect the liberation of Europe and the conquest of an oriental world! Turning over a few pages, we come to the Black Hole, at Calcutta, and later in the book to a short review of 'A Discourse on the Study of the Law, read in the Public Schools at Oxford, Oct. 24, 1758. This is no other than the opening lecture of the great Blackstone, then recently appointed the first Vinerian Professor; but it is rather 2*, 1705. This is no other than the opening lecture of the great Blackstone, then recently appointed the first Vinerian Professor; but it is rather singular that in his Memoirs, "by a Gentleman of Lincoln's Inn," we find it stated that this first introductory lecture was given on the 25th. The real fact is, perhaps, that it occupied more than

one day. 'The Annual Register' has now been going on for more than a hundred years, and has suffered fewer changes, perhaps, than most human institutions during that time. The first volume contains reviews of the principal books of the year, and this feature, which had been allowed to drop, has been restored in 'The Annual Register' for 1863. To this is now added a short summary of scientific and artistic progress; but the combined scientific and artistic progress; but the combined scientific and artistic progress; but the combined subjects of "literature, science and art" are limited to some thirty pages. A Correspondent of the Atheneum suggests that this portion should be omitted, and that the long list of deaths should be restored. At present, we have only short obituary notices of some twenty or thirty eminent persons; the notices of some twenty or thirty eminent persons; the general lists of births, deaths, and marriages (which occupied 125 pages in the volume for 1862) having been struck out. The general plan of the work, as now published, may be briefly described as follows. First, there is a connected "History" of England, with especial reference to the Parliamentary debates. Then follow shorter "Histories" of other bates. Then follow shorter "Histories" of other countries, where there have been any wars or events of general interest, as, for instance, Denmark and the United States of America. We have, then, a "Chronicle," or list of remarkable but isolated occurrences, as accidents, fires, and the like. After this come Literature, Science and Art, Obitions, Notices, Public Decouparts, Law Cases. Obituary Notices, Public Documents, Law Cases, Promotions and Appointments, List of Sheriffs, and Statement of the National Revenue. It apars to us that space might easily be obtained for a fuller record of scientific events, and the like, by condensing the "History" and "Chronicle," and giving them more the air of dry records and less that of newspaper articles. It is true that this would be a somewhat violent innovation; but the managers have introduced such important reforms within the last few years as to show clearly that lack of courage is not one of their weaknesses. As an instance of want of balance under the present system, we may mention that there are two distinct accounts of the British Association, while, on the other hand, the Social Science Association is not, if we remember rightly, even once mentioned. If additional space can be obtained by the means suggested, it might not be amiss to give up a few pages to theatrical novelties, to our numerous Societies, to metropolitan improvements, and to the general march of civilization. It is obvious, how-ever, that if the long list of deaths be restored, a serious obstacle will be offered to the introduction of new matter. If the Register could be written from month to month, it might be brought out in January or February, instead of lying perdu till May or June, and this would probably give an increased impulse to the sale. With this and other modifications to meet public wants as they arise, there is no very obvious reason why 'The Annual Register'should not continue to flourish for another

An Introduction to Metaphysic. Part I. By C. M. Ingleby, M.A. LL.D. (Asher & Co.)—We cannot venture criticism on a system of which we have only one Part before us. This part is on the psychology of the senses. Among the points mentioned is the old difficulty, why we do not see objects upside down, since they are so painted on the retina. We never could see where the puzzle lay. If objects, and the direction of gravity, and our own bodies, all go upside down together on the retina, what odds, as they say? Why is it harder than the antipodes, with their heads downwards? And how do we know that all things are not upside-down together? We can propose a parallel case, which some whimsical metaphysician imagined. Are we quite sure that we have not made a mistake between the future and the past by putting each in the place of the other? If we be quite ignorant of the past, and know the future, knowing it so that the more distant parts fall into thought before the nearest ones, we have completely made the mistake. To be sure, our future gets

The Cambridge, Oxford, and Dublin Messenger of Mathematics. Vol. II. No. 8. (Macmillan & Co.)—This work goes on, and, we have no doubt,

Hints on National Defence and Matters connected with Art. By Sampson Sandys. (Westerton.)—This is indeed a varied dinner. The soup is made of a proposal for engineer volunteers. Without specifying the other dishes, we may state that they contain veteran battalions,—marine volunteers,—storm-sails,—a proposal that the Government should buy the Great Eastern steam-ship,—an army of reserve,—a site for the National Gallery, army of reserve,—a site for the National Gazlery,—method of lighting picture-galleries,—an amateur exhibition,—an exhibition building,—an enlargement of the City of London,—squares for the working classes,—letters for railway trains,—strabismus,—rectorial tithes all to be returned to the Church, without compensation,—a natural theology society; and, for dessert, a trisection of the angle by the author, who read six books of Euclid forty years

ago. Of miscellaneous publications we have to record: An Old Englishman's Opinion on Schleswig-Holstein and Germany; being a Practical Evidence of the Justice of their Cause, given after a Fifty-Years' Residence in Germany; with Supplement of Official Documents: a Non-Official Blue-Book, dedicated to Every One of the Author's Countrymen as a Testimony of Acknowledgment for the German Nation (Trübner & Co.),—Analysis of Evidence before the Shefield Jury on the Cause of the Failure of the Bradfield Reservoir, by W. Naylor (Waterlow),—The Condensed Argument for the Legislative Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic, by F. R. Lees (Caudwell),—A Letter on the Administration of the Parliamentary A Letter on the Administration of the Parliamentary Grant for the Promotion of Education in Great Britain, by a Schoolmanager in the North (Groom-Britain, by a Schoolmanager in the North (Groombridge),—Consumption in Australia: a Review, by W. Thomson (Melbourne, Fergusson & Moore),—"Truth is stranger than Fiction": The Great Matlock Will Case, Cressvell v. Jackson (Simpkin),—President Lincoln's Successor, by F. M. Edge (Ridgway),—The Hudson's Bay Company, What is It! (Baily),—Some Considerations on the Government Life Annuities and Life Assurances Bill, by M. N. Adler (C. & E. Layton),—The Supplement to the Reform Act of 1832; being a Proposal for the Extension of the Representation without Lowering the Qualification for the Elective Franchise, in a Letter to the Electors of the United Kingdom, by Sir F. C. Knowles, Bart. (Ridgway),—Report on the Works of Pupils in the French Schools of Design recently exhibited in the Palais de l'Industrie, Champs Elysées, Paris; with a Comparison of the French and English Systems of Art-Education, and Suggestions for the Improvement and Modification of the Latter, by W. Smith (Simpkin),—Ireland, Past and Present; The Land and the People: a Lecture, by Sir W. R. W. Wilde (Dublin, M'Glashan & Gill),—Notes and Letters on the American War, by an English Lady (Ridgway).— Extension of bridge), - Consumption in Australia: a Review, by Lecture, by Sir W. R.W. While (Dublin, M. Ghahan & Gill),—Notes and Letters on the American War, by an English Lady (Ridgway), — Extension of the Franchise: Speech of E. Baines, Esq. M.P., on moving the Second Reading of the Borough Franchise Bill in the House of Commons,—Remarks on a New European Congress of Vienna; with a Letter to an English Statesman, by Lieut. Gen. Türr (Wilson), —and Intervention: a Duty or a Crime? (Bell &

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EAST OF THE JORDAN.

Temple, June 21, 1864.

In the Athenœum of the 18th inst., p. 837, it is stated, upon the authority of M. de Saulcy, that, during his recent explorations upon the east of the river Jordan, he "reached a small plateau, on which lie about twenty Dolmens and Cromlechs, exactly like those of France and England. The plateau is called el-Azhemieh, 'the Place of Bones.'" The following information as to very numerous other monuments of the same description may likewise be of interest to some of your readers. When I was travelling upon the east of the Jordan, in May, 1849, in going by an unusual route across the country from the ruins of Gadara to those of Djerash, we passed by the village of Jumha, which is but a few miles distant from the western border of the high land which extends from Mount Hermon along the whole length of the eastern side of the valley of the Jordan. Upon a small hill near Jumha we found several Cromlechs; some were perfect, others were in ruins. All the former were constructed upon the same plan. Three slabs of unhewn stone were fixed in the ground perpendicularly, and closely together, at a right angle to each other, thus forming three sides of a square. Upon these a fourth slab was laid, sufficiently large to overlap its supports. In every case the open side of the square faced to the south-east. open side of the square faced to the south-east. I could find no trace upon any of the stones of their having been hewn. They were about six feet high from the level of the ground, by eight feet long; the fourth, or horizontal slab, being an irregular square of about twelve feet. In thickness, they varied from one to two feet.

Upon leaving Jumha for Djerash, we kept a southerly course for two hours, and along the first three or four miles saw numerous groups of the same description of Cromlechs upon the low hills near which we passed. Upon that called Kefr el-Job they were especially numerous. This hill is just within the eastern border of that most levely good herbage, which extends from near Jumba to the village of Sûf, and the extensive, as well as highly-picturesque ruins of the Tower of Djerash. The district was rich in flocks and herds of the villagers, and also of the Bedouin, who were en-

camped there.

Who were the people who erected Cromlechs, That the race who built them was powerful and migratory, it seems may be inferred from the fact that Cromlechs have been found from Cape Comorin, in Southern India, to the northern parts of Europe. That they were constructed as sepulchral monuments is certainly the tradition now current amongst the inhabitants upon the east of the Jordan.

D, ROBERTON BLAINE.

CONNEXIONS OF WEATHER,

Among communications to the Bulletin International, M. Le Verrier has given circulation to two papers which seem to have so special an interest for many practical as well as theoretic inquirers into magnetism and meteorology that I am induced to submit them, in the original French, to your notice-as well worth a column in the Athenœum

So much difference of opinion exists about aircurrents, or winds, and the relations of atmosphere with actions of a magnetic or electric character as well as concerning those appearances of movements analogous to tidal (having lunisolar periods) which undoubtedly recur with more or less regularity-that these observations of Secchi and De

Parville may be appreciated.

Adverting to the connexion between air-currents and action of electric or magnetic character, may I say that it has been recorded by many cor-

respondents and other observers who have co-operated with me so frequently that I cannot doubt the fact, be it a cause or, as I believe, a consequence

of atmospheric action.

With regard to the great question of lunisolar atmospheric undulations and horizontal currents, every one who has studied the subject is so well aware that barometric indications are against the idea or theory of vertical elevation of air to any considerable amount, and corresponding to lunar periods within the tropics, that the first impression every one must be decidedly against such a

But I would ask, how can a barometer indicate increase of pressure consequent on augmented depth of atmosphere, if such augmentation is caused by a lifting attraction above-that of the moon? and how can air so raised above the normal level escape or regain its equilibrium but by flowing off horizontally toward either pole, other air having been admitted below along the earth's surface as the mass or volume has been elevated by lunar or lunisolar attraction?

M. de Parville is perhaps the only person who has yet published opinions favourable to this theory of your faithful servant, R. FitzRoy.

Lettre du Rev. P. Secchi, Directeur de l'Observatoire du Collège Romain.

Rome, 8 Juin, 1864.

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Permettes-moi de vous remercier de la part de la Chambre de Commerce de Civita Veochia pour les dépèches météorologiques, que vous nous adresses et qui sont immédiatement communiquées à ce port. Leur intérêt, aujourd'hui, n'est plus douteux, et ai on a retardé à vous remercier, cela a été pour le faire avec plus de connaissance de cause et une véritable persuasion. véritable persuasion

Nos marins, en effet, commencent déjà à se formuler des Nos marius, en entet, commencente deta a se formater des règles sur la marche des tempêtes, et l'un d'eux me disait, Oh ! lorsque la bourrasque est là haut (c'est à dire N.O. et S.O.) elle arrive chez nous indubitablement dans un ou deux jours. Pour ces dernières bourrasques, cela est vérineux jours. Four ces dernieres bourrasques, cela est veri-tablement arrivé, et même hier et aujourd'hui nous avons déjà le temps que votre dépèche annonçait comme existant dans l'Europe plus septentrionale, et au N.O. de nous. Aujourd'hui continue la forte perturbation magnétique commencée hier. Dès l'approche de la bourrasque le mag-nétomètre bifilaire tomba de plusieurs divisions, et j'en prévayais un hourseaux, estre déla descriptions.

prévoyais une bourrasque : votre télégramme m'annonçait qu'elle s'approchait, et réellement nous l'avons eu hier soir, et elle continue encore. Avec cette perturbation de nom-breux courants terrestres parcourent le fil télégraphique de

l'Observatoire.

Le courant qui est dans ce fil a une période régulière (le Le courant qui est dans ce m'a une periode regimere de fil est dans le méridien magnétique); il a son minimum le matin, environ à 7 heures; le ler minimum le matin, un 2me minimum entre 3h. et 5h. du soir, enfu un mati-mum dans la nuit. Tout dérangement considérable de cette mum dans la nuit. Tout dérangement considérable de cette période, ou une diminution d'amplitude dans l'oscillation, est un signal de changement de temps. Puisque ces courants sont joints avec les mouvements des barreaux on voit que, parmi les pronosties du temps, il faut sjouter encore la position des aimants qui mesurent les variations du magnétisme terrestre. Si les barreaux sont troublés il faut se tenir sur ses gardes, la bourrasque existe quelque part. Peut-être ne se déchaînera-t-elle pas sur la station; mais elle passera au moins en vue. Dans vos dépêches, je trouve souvent l'explication des mouvements des barreaux pour des légers changements dans l'atmosphère qui sont les des légers changements dans l'atmosphère qui sont les appendices ou lanières extrêmes des bourrasques existant

On a contesté la justesse de mes vues sur ce sujet; et pour éviter toute illusion j'ai continué et je continue encore ces observations. Mais à la discussion finale je trouve que la

règle est inste.

ent, il faut distinguer les perturbations en plusieurs classes. Celles jadis connues, et qui accompagnent les aurores borcales, sont déjà elles-mêmes des signaux de bourrasques; mais celles-ci sont rares. Les perturbations les plus communes sont de trois sortes:—1°. Une amplitude do scillation exagérée, surfout dans la force horizontale.

2. Une amplitude amoindrie et qui laisse le barreau presqu'immobile, surfout celui du bifilaire. 3. 'Un changement dans l'heure du maxima ou minima, et parfois le ren-

ment dans i neure du maxima ou minima, et pariois le ren-versement des périodes.

Aucune bourrasque ni jour de mauvais temps ne passe, sans l'une ou l'autre des irrégularités mentionnées ci-dessus.

Mais le signe le plus sûr est l'abaissement extraordinaire du bibliaire qui indique aussi-bien que le baromètre l'ap-proche des bourrasques. De même que nous avons quelque fois des abaissements barométriques sans pluie par des bourrasques dont le centre passe à distance de nous, ainsi arriverait-il pour le bifilaire; mais, règle générale, un grand abaissement du bifilaire annonce toujours une bourrasque existant à petite distance, et qui, très probablement, viendra

dre.

nous rejoindre.

Il n'est pas inutile de signaler que l'irrégularité de la période diurne du baromètre est un signal assez sûr de dérangement du temps. La forme tremblée de la courbe barométrique et l'absence de la belle Sinusoide que trace le crayon de mon météorographe, et qui se trouve remplacée par une ligne droite et roide, est pour moi un signal de mauvais temps prochain. Mais il est difficile d'apperevoir ce signal sans un instrument graphique à mouvement con-tinu comme est mon barométrographe à balance. On voit enore ici une grande relation entre les fluctua-tions barométriques et celles des barreaux aimantés, dont,

si la période diurne est dérangée notablement, on doit craindre un changement de temps. Ces règles que je me suis formées sont peut-être propres à la localité; mais il vaudrait bien la peine de commence

a la focalite; massi d'autres lieux.

P.S. Du 7 au 10 du mois de Mai passé, nous avons eu un grand abaissement de force verticale, un autre plus fort encore est arrivé le 14 et le 15 du même mois. J'ignore al cela est un effet local ou si on l'a observé ailleurs. Cel changements ont en lieu après des orages et des perturbations.

Prière aux observateurs magnétiques de donner quelques

Note de M. Henri de Parville sur les mouvements produit dans l'atmosphère par l'action de la Lune et du Soleil.

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M. l'Amiral FitzRoy vient, dans le Bulletin International du 3 Juin, de faire entrer en ligne de compte certaines influences régulières qui pour lui deviendraient, en dehors des actions calorifiques, une des causes principales des perturbations atmosphériques.

Voici ces influences:—l'. Un très petit effet de marfe semi-diurne produit par le soleil, sensible dans le sens du méridien dans les zones torride et tropicale. 2º. Une marfe solaire faible due à l'attraction et se manifestant dans le sens horizontal. 5º. Une marfe lunaire non pas verticale mais latérale et agissant avec force.
Ces actions luni-solaires auraient, d'après le savant Amiral, une tendance à pousser l'atmosphère vers et andelà des astres moteurs pendant le mouvement de rotation

Amiral, une tendance à pousser l'atmosphère vers et audelà des astres moteurs pendant le mouvement de rotation
de la terre. D'où les courants supérieurs dont on a pu observer les variations dépendantes, pensait-il, des intervalles
lunaires, et même quelquefois des phases.
Les considérations invoquées par M. l'Amiral FitzRoy
me semblent avoir une grande importance. Qu'il me soit
permis, en effet, de faire observer que les influences sidérales dont parle M. FitzRoy-paraissent être implicitement
comprises dans la belle analyse de Laplace.
Si l'on essai de préciser les conditions d'équilibre de l'aimosphère en ne tenant pas compte des causes perturbatrices dues à l'action calorifique du soleil, on voit d'abord
que les deux forces constantes, la pésanteur et la force

Datrices dues a l'action calorinque du soleti, on voit d'abord que les deux forces constantes, la pésanteur et la force centrifuge, déterminent sur chaque méridien une dénivella-tion proportionnelle au sinus du double de la faittude et un bourrelet tout autour de l'équateur. La hauteur de ce bour-relet équatorial resterait constantes i elle n'était pas gou-vernée par deux forces essentiellement variables, les actions adaissaget lumines. Un clouwende according sou descentes solaires et lunaires. Or, chacune de ces actions se décompos un effet vertical et en un effet tangentiel au méridien. effet vertical diminue la première et facilite l'effet méri-en. De là, un écoulement de l'air de l'équateur vera aque pôle, lorsque les forces sidérales coupent l'équilibre chaque pôle, lorsque les forces sidérales coupent l'équilibre de la dénivellation, ou un courant inverse lorsqu'au conthe in deniversation, of the courant inverse lorsight at certain less forces sidefales méridiennes poussent l'air vers l'équateur. Ces courants dans les hautes régions dépendront, comme le dit très-bien M. l'Amiral FitzRoy, des actions lunaires et solaires combinées, et doivent, comme l'observation parât le confirmer, varier avec les positions des astres. Quant à leur direction, elle est modifiée suivant le la latine. des astres. Quant a teur direction, ene est modifies auvant la latitude par les rayons vecteurs croissant ou décroissants et d'autant plus que le glissement de l'atmosphère par suite de la dénivellation méridieune est lui-même plus considér-able. Ici, en effet, on verra facilement que la vitesse cen-trituge de l'air dépend pour chaque point de la hanteur de chute, soit de l'angle formé par le plan de glissement avec

chute, soit de l'angle formé par le plan de glissement avec la ligne des pôles.

Si l'analyse de Laplace est fontée, il est facile de définir la marche des courants supérieurs, abstraction faite des perturbations thermiques. En effet, le calcul permet de poser les propositions suivantes (* Mécanique Céleste, 'tome it.).

I. Le soleil et la l'une dans leur mouvement de translation annuel et mensuel entrainent la masse atmosphérique du pôle vers l'équateur pendant les déclinaisons australes, de l'équateur vers le pole pendant les déclinaisons boréales.

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coronaires: rendant les déclinaisons nord de la lune, le courant supérieur s'avance du sud au nord; pendant les déclinaisons sud les courants supérieurs marcheront du nord au sud. Toutes choses égales d'ailleurs mais ren-veraées dans l'hémisphère opposé.—Mêmes remarques pour le soleil.

Les composantes lunaires nord seront donc augmentées Les composantes lunaires nord seront donc augmentés en hiver et diminuées en été. Les composantes lunaires sud seront augmentées en été et diminuées en hiver. Les courants produits par ces forces varieront de direction et d'intensité tous les quinze jours environ, suivant les périodes lunaires et même, comme le constate M. FitzRoy, selon les phases, quand les nœuds viendront à coîncider avec les syxgies et les quadratures.

Des observations personnelles confirment ces mouvements; mais ce changement de direction mensuelle ne survient généralement que lorsque la déclinaison de la lune atteint de 19° à 14° tenns sans donte nécessaire pour

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atteint de 12° à 14°, temps sans donte necessaire pour épuiser la vitesse acquise.

II. Le soleil et la lune déterminent chaque jour un mouvement de l'atmosphère; pendant 12 heures du pôle et de l'équateur vers la latitude de 45°, pendant 12 heures mouvement de la latitude de 45° vers le pôle et l'équateur pendant les déclinaisons boréales. Les oscillations sont renversées pendant les déclinaisons australes.

Corollaires: Pendant les déclinaisons nord de la lune et du soleil, les courants nord et sud sont augmentés en de-çà et au-delà du parallèle de 45° depuis le lever jusqu'au coucher de l'astre. Les actions lunaires se combinent aux

coucher de l'astre. Les actions lunaires se combinent aux actions solaires, s'ajoutent ou se retranchent suivant les

Pendant les déclinaisons sud de la lune et du soleil les courants nord et sud sont au contraire diminués en de-çà et au-delà de l'équateur. Effet inverse dans l'hémisphère

opposé.

III. Le soleil et la lune produisent, quelle que soit leur position dans l'espace, une oscillation dirigée du pôle vers l'équateur depuis 3 heures avant jusqu'à 3 heures après leur passage au méridien, et pendant les six autres heures une passage au méridie oscillation inverse.

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IV. Le soleil et la lune déterminent, outre les déplacements méridiens, un mouvement vertical de l'air accendant rois heures avant et après le passage au méridien et un mouvement inverse pendant les six autres heures (marées timosphériques semi-diurnes).

Corollaire: Ces oscillations diminuent la pression laténile, augmentent l'intensité des déplacements méridiens.

Nous pourrions encore ajouter les marées solaires dues à l'action calorifique qui, en effaiblissant les pressions laténales, fait entrer en jeu les forces sidérales.

Tous ces mouvements de l'atmosphère doivent co-exister il raalyse de la Mécanique Céleste est exacte, et avoir une influence inmédiates sur les phénomènes métérologiques.

Leurs effets sont masqués dans les basses régions, partout on les actions calorifiques l'emportent sur les déplacements réguliers; mais ils doivent se dessiner là où diminuent les causes perturbatrices dues aux différences de température.

Nons nous sommes contentés dans ce qui précède d'énoncer les faits réduits du calcul, surtout dans l'intention de prendre date; nous demanderons la permission de pour-auvre ultérieurement la discussion de tous ces mouvements, et de rechercher jusqu'à quel point ils peuvent réagir sur les ouvrants réguliers ou anormaux et modifier la vitesse, et la direction des vents à la surface de la tierre.

Le Directeur de l'Observatoire Impérial,

SHAKSPEARE IN GERMANY.

Munich, June 16, 1864.
Allow me to add to the notice in the Athenaum of the 21st of May, regarding the commemoration of the Shakspeare Tercentenary in Weimar, some complementary observations, suggested by the per-formance of Shakspeare's English Histories during my stay in that town. All German stages of note have celebrated the birthday of the great English, or, let us rather say, of the greatest universal poet, by representing his plays. Now, taking into con-sideration that Germany—owing to the multitude of her principalities and the liberality of the rulers other principalities and the interactly of the futer —can boast of more tolerably good stages than any other country in the world, it is, indeed, no small praise bestowed on that of Weimar to say that it has stood foremost among all others in the cele-bration of the Shakspeare Jubilee in Germany.

It would, however, be unjust to conclude from this fact that all other German theatres were altogether inferior to that of Weimar. The best actors are to be found where they are best paid; and, although the enlightened Grand-Duke of Weimar. Weimar does his utmost to uphold the glorious Weimar does his utmost to uphold the glorious traditions of his house, still he cannot, in expenditure, rival such princes as the Emperor of Austria, the Kings of Prussia. Bavaria, Wurtemberg, Saxony, and Hanover. The theatres of Vienna, Berlin, Munich, Dresden, Stuttgart, and Hanover have, indeed, larger funds at their disposal,—and, in consequence, some better actors, too,—than that of Weimar. There are also, besides Dr. Dingelstedt, some first-rate, hard-working, and most able managers: suffice it to name Dr. Laube in Vienna and Devrient in Karlsruhe. This fact duly stated, we may well ask, How, then, is it to be explained that Dr. Dingelstedt has contrived to surpass all his colleagues on an occasion when every stage did, or ought to have done, its best in honour of
the great poet's Jubilee, to whom they are all
indebted for their best inspirations? In trying to
solve this question, I shall have little to say that
is new, but much of highest importance to those
who know that a public play-house ought to be
something better than a mere place to beguile an
idle hour in, as is the fashion now-a-days. Nobody
who has known better times will deny that poetical
dramatic performance is falling into decay, and
that more public encouragement is given to the
opera and to the ballet than to high tragedy, or
even to comedy. The reason is obvious: the nineteenth century has brought-forth more eminent
composers of music than dramatic poets; musical
aspirations belong to the fashion of the day; there
are few well-bred people without some knowledge did, or ought to have done, its best in honour of are few well-bred people without some knowledge of music; and you will hardly find a young lady

Whose fingers do not walk with gentle gait Over that blessed wood, whose motion sounds With her sweet hands.

Add to this, that an eminent singer has-for ladies, at least—far more attractive powers than an eminent actor; while the brilliant mise-en-scène, the splendour of costumes and decorations, offer to

and foundation of our national drama, they have hitherto been passed over with little notice; and owing to want of that knowledge, which can only be obtained by due examination, extraordinary mistakes have been committed regarding them."

The most extraordinary of these mistakes is, perhaps, the prevalent opinion that the old Miracles (or Mysteries, as we call them, if they represent the life and death of Our Saviour) have ceased to

be of any avail to us, since, with the foundation of regular stages, dramatic performances withdrew or regular stages, dramatic performances withdrew from the churches and market-places, and dramatic art took a more worldly aspect. It has often been observed, and forms the starting-point of Guizot's well-known work on Shakspeare, that every great dramatic production ought to be a sort of public festival; wherever it ceases to be so, there is a canker in the fragrant rose. The representations of the old Miracles and Mysteries were, indeed, public feasts, as well as the performances of Shak-speare's plays—as long, at least, as the great poet managed the stage himself, and contrived to bring

managed the stage himself, and contrived to bring home, by well-schooled actors, not only the peculiarly dramatic, but even the most exquisitely poetic charm of his creations, with any adequate completeness, to the feelings of his countrymen.

Shakspeare's sway was followed by the Puritanical Interregnum, and from that epoch till the great poet's resurrection in the present century, his plays were never performed without being mutilated and remoulded according to the fashion of the day. At the opening of the second great mutiated and remouled according to the fashion of the day. At the opening of the second great era of the English stage, the Davenants and the Drydens, in the flippant presumption which possessed them by virtue of that pseudo-classical code of taste which they had imported from France, proceeded to remodel Shakspeare's works, rejecting from them, as gross and barbarous, whatever did not suit the narrow views of their polite exitting. criticism. The operation was peculiarly facilitated by the protracted interruption which had taken place, of histrionic tradition from the older stage. It may, indeed, be considered as one of the vital and lasting injuries inflicted on the theatrical system by the Puritanical suppression, that the old line of actors which had flourished along with the great and vigorous dramatic school of the age of Elizabeth and James, was violently and fatally interrupted. Garrick's restoration of Shakspeare to his rightful supremacy over the English stage, has entailed upon his countrymen a permanent debt of gratitude, but the engrossing attention which his histrionic vocation occasioned him to give to a certain number of the most prominent parts, prevented even Garrick from ascending to that highest artistic view of any one of the drams of Shakspeare which had occupied their first great manager's own mind. Still greater deficiencies characterized Garrick's followers in Germany; the famous Schroeder, for instance, brought out 'Lear' without the opening scene, that is to say, he began without the beginning, in order to produce Lear as quite an innocent martyr. Since the days of Schreeder, things have much changed for the better, but still they are far from being in a satisfactory retriever.

I first got a deeper insight into this vicious state of things, on beholding, four years ago, in the highlands of Bavaria, the representation of a Mystery, 'The Passion of Jesus Christ,' as it is called, performed by simple peasants, who had

the public charms which a classical play cannot afford.

At the time when the old world was regenerated by Christianity, the sun of the Greek classical drama had set long ago,—the stage had lost its original religious character,—dramatic performances were no longer edifying popular festivals; they had degenerated into most shocking, vile, lascivious productions, and the Fathers of the Church did well to uproot the tree altogether from which those excrescences sprang. But while they destroyed the old stage, the Church became the cradle of a new one; and hence arose, slowly growing, the well-known Miracles, or Plays of Miracles. I refer here to what Mr. Collier has already judiciously observed in his History of Dramatic Poetry ('Annals of the Stage,' II., 125):—"Although Miracles or Plays of Miracles are the source and foundation of our national drama, they have hitherto been passed over with little notice; and owing to want of that knowledge, which can only be obtained by due examination, extraordinary wind the stream of the stream of the stream of the property of the public characters.

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'Christ's Passion' was acted in Oberammergau, on every Sunday of that summer, and always with equal success. The impression conveyed by it on the minds of the spectators proved the same, without difference of rank or creed. Among the many thousands that crowded to Oberammergau were foreward executions and I found among thousands that crowded to Oberammergau were foreigners of every description, and I found among them also your venerable Dean of St. Paul's, Dr. Milman, who was quite as much moved by the impressive scene as myself. We saw there the very source of dramatic art springing before us, and I felt deeply convinced that only by recurring to this source our degenerating stage can be refreshed and cured. I do not mean to say that we are to remodel our old Mysteries and Miracle-Plays in evelor to bring them out again; such things cannot model our old Mysteries and Miracle-Plays in order to bring them out again; such things cannot be done artificially. In Oberammergau 'Christ's Passion' has been acted for centuries, and con-tinues to be so every tenth year. It is an old privilege of the place; the actors, composed of the majority of all the inhabitants, have grown into their parts from their childhood, schooled by tradition and practice. Such a state of things cannot be imitated; every imitation would prove a failure. Nor is it necessary to produce a Mystery, in order to bestow on a theatrical performance the character of solemn festivity: every tragedy of Shakspeare's or Schiller's, aye, even the old Greek tragedies, if worthily bodied forth, will come to nearly the same effect. But wherever an en-lightened manager has such an end in view, he nearly the same effect. But wherever an enlightened manager has such an end in view, he must prepare or school his audience for it, as Dr. Dingelstedt most ably contrived to do, before he ventured to bring out the English Histories of Shakspeare as one great drama, in the course of one week. Years of preparation were required for this gigantic undertaking, that, in Germany, was without a precedent, but will, I trust, prove fertile in its results. In order to give his public an idea of the higher flight that may be taken by a real festive stage-performance, he celebrated the commemoration of Schiller's birthday by bringing out that national poet's Wallenstein-Trilogy in one day; 'Wallenstein's Camp' as the exposition was acted in the morning; 'The Two Piccolomini' followed in the afternoon, and 'Wallenstein's Death' filled out the evening hours till ten. This happy experiment met with a brilliant success, and the Schiller-day was succeeded, a few months later, by a Shakspeare-week, in which 'Richard the Second,' the two parts of 'Henry the Fourth,' and 'Henry the Fifth' were brought out with increasing success. These happy preparations and introductions inspired the actors to do their utmost, and the public to attend assiduously, when finally, beginning with Shakspeare's Tercentenary, the whole series of the closely-connected English Histories (of course with the omission of 'King John' and 'Henry the Eighth') made their first uninterrupted appearance on the stage. I need not say how much perseverance and ability it required, on the part both of the manager and the actors, to carry this gigantic task to a happy issue; and it is only doing justice to them to state, that everything went off as smoothly as if there had been no difficulties to overcome. The historical cycle was opened by a very able prologue of Dr. Dingelstedt, delivered by Fräulein Knauff, and received with great applause. The representation of the great tragedy of the Houses of York and Lancaster was thus most happily inaugurated, and the interest increased from day to day. I will not intrude upon the patience of your readers by entering here into details; suffice it to say, that the dramatic grandeur of Shakspeare's Histories was never so forcibly brought home to me as by these uninterrupted representations of the whole cycle. I have often seen 'Henry the Fourth,' 'Henry the Fifth,' and 'Richard the Third,' on greater stages and by first-rate actors, but was never so deeply impressed by them as in Weimar, where those plays appeared only as so many acts in one great drama. To give them separately, is to scatter a rare diamond into pieces. The character of Richard the Third, for instance, can never be well understood, nor properly acted, if we have not learnt, in 'The Contention,' to trace the growth of the mind of this bold bad man. 'The Contention' had, until the contrary was proved by Dr. Dingelstedt, been considered, in Germany,' as being altogether unqualified to be adapted to the present stage. You remember that in the days of Shakspeare's highest triumphs, Ben Jonson levelled the prologue of his 'Every Man in his Humour' against what appeared to him the absurdities of the romantic drama, in which is this

With three rusty swords,
And help of some few foot and half-foot words,
Fight over York and Lancaster's long jars,
And in the tiring-house bring wounds to scars.

In Germany, Schiller was, to my knowledge, the first who pointed out the great results that might be obtained by adapting Shakspeare's Histories, closely linked together as they are, to the present stage. He wrote to Goethe: "A new theatrical era would be opened by them, if they were worthily bodied forth."

Dingelstedt was the first German manager who carried this idea into life, and in doing so he opened, indeed, a new era to our stage. He had opened, indeed, a new era to our stage. He had the courage to leave the track of custom, by revindicating for the theatre that solemn, character, which is the breath and soul of its higher life. It is to be hoped, that his successful example will soon be followed by others. A dramatic festival cannot be celebrated every day: however, once or twice a year, at least, the public ought to be reminded by such representations, of what a high flight the stage can take. This would undoubtedly re-act on other dramatic representations: and the taste of both actors and audience would be improved by it. Besides Shakspeare's Histories, his three great Roman Tragedies,—as marking three distinct epochs of Roman History,—and the old Greek Trilogies may be given in this way, and both the actors and the public would reap the richest harvest from such performances. In such a cycle no virtuoso can make a prominent part his leer-horse; no important scenes can be omitted, as, with us, is often the case in favour of a virtuoso,—and the audience will have a higher and more lasting enjoyment than the most brilliant virtuoso In short, a most desirable and fertile reform may be accomplished by such means.

It is scarcely necessary to add, that the success which has attended Dingelstedt's efforts would hardly have been possible without the material assistance afforded by the generosity of the Grand-Duke. But a still more efficient support of the manager's plans was found in the lively interest which the Grand-Duke and his family took in the undertaking, and the sympathy with which they followed the progress of the plan from the very outset to the moment of its realization.

FRIEDRICH BODENSTEDT.

OUR WEEKLY GOSSIP.

Mr. Tennyson's new volume of poems, 'Idylls of the Hearth,' is to appear in the middle of July.

Messrs. Saunders, Otley & Co. announce 'The Cruise of the Alabama and Sumter,' from the private journals, &c. of Capt. Semmes and other officers.

The Rev. George Williams, Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, is about to publish a paper in defence of Dr. Pierotti's work on 'Jerusalem Explored.' Mr. Williams is understood to have given M. Pierotti much assistance in compiling his book, which throughout supports and applauds Mr. Williams's antiquarian views.

Prof. Donaldson, President of the Royal Institute of British Architects, has issued cards for a conversazione, on Tuesday evening, July 5.

A chair in the Trust of the British Museum has become vacant by the death of Canon Cureton, rector of St. Margaret's, Westminster. Dr. William Cureton was a profound Syriac scholar, and his writings on Biblical and Theological subjects are numerous and valuable. Another addition to the obituary of the week is that of Prof. Miller, of Edinburgh, the author of 'Surgical Experiences of Chloroform,' and many small tracts.

We have to record this week the death of the well-known fruit-painter, George Lance. Born in 1802, at Little Easton, near Colchester, the deceased was in the sixty-third year of his age. He was for some time a pupil of Haydon, and in the 'Autobiography' of that artist, there are several references to him, which are interesting as illustrating the character of both master and student. Lance also studied in the schools of the Royal Academy. The Exhibition of the Academy (1828), contained his first contribution: this was a landscape, styled 'Airy Force, in Gowbarrow Park, Cumberland' (574). In a few years after this he had established himself as a painter of fruit, contributing to the same Exhibition (1835) a work styled 'Fruit.' After this date he continued to devote himself to such themes, varying them with devote himself to such themes, varying them with studies of game, as in 1838, and by treating figure subjects, of which the most important are 'Melancthon,' 'The Ballad,' 1841, 'The Microscope,' 1842, 'The Village Coquette,' 1843, 'The Grandmother's Blessing,' 1844, and 'An Incident in the Life of the Duc de Biron,' 1845. One of his best-known pictures is 'Red Cap,' a monkey with a red cap on his head; fruit and vegetables. Of this them is a specific of the Vegetables. this there is a repetition in the Vernon Gallery, now at South Kensington, No. 442. This was exhibited at the British Institution, in 1847, and was engraved by W. Taylor. Lance was a frequent contributor to the British Institution, where, some years ago, his works proved attractive examples of the kind of art he affected. The limited range of his practice told upon his ability and weakened the public interest in his career; we must, however, not look so much to recent productions as to what he did in the prime of life, and compare his effects with the general standard of his contemporaries, if we would form a just estimate of his powers. He came prominently into notice at the time of the uproar in 1853, when a Parliamentary Committee examined the pictures in the National Gallery; Lance's evidence that he had had much to do with the restoration of the with the restoration of the picture by Velasquez, 'Philip of Spain hunting the Wild Boar,' startled the London world, and led to some controversy. See Evidence before the Committee in question. Replies 5,230—5,253.

Garrick's villa at Hampton was sold by auction, on Friday last week, at a fancy price. The seller dwelt, of course, on the many pleasant historical associations of the place, including the visits of Hannah More. The lot was knocked down at 10,800*l*. to a popular tailor, Mr. Grove, of Battle Bridge and London-wall notoriety.

We hear that the pensions from the Civil List, granted to Mr. W. Allingham and to Miss Dinah Muloch, are 60l. each—not 80l. as announced.

Mr. Stanford has published the fifth of his great series of Library Maps. The subject is South America, and the work is accomplished with the minute care which has distinguished Mr. John-

ston's previous labours. In this wild region of the world, boundary lines are difficult to draw, for the countries are mostly unoccupied by civilized men, and the paper territories are often disputed between rival governments. But Mr. Johnston has succeeded in giving a certain interest to his Chart by showing the boundaries in dispute. The next map of this noble series will be Africa; a continent still more difficult to delineate, as the quarrels of Captains Speke and Burton, of Messrs. Beke and Cooley prove.

Mr. Wesley has issued a set of six cards, prepared by Mr. Wardle the florist, called 'Memory Tablet of Garden Work.' These cards are printed on both sides, so as to give twelve calendars, one for each month, of the flowers then in bloom, with directions for their cultivation. The idea is good, and the carrying of it out creditable to editor and publisher.

We give the following notes from Mr. Ward:-

"Fitzroy Square, June 21, 1864.
"I beg to offer the following correction of an erroneous inference conveyed by your notice of the pictures of the English School, now exhibiting at the British Institution (Athenœum, No. 1,912, Ward, R.A., is there called 'A curious version of "Rembrandt's Mill";' and is stated to have been 'most probably suggested by one of the well-known engravings from the Orleans Gallery.' But the real circumstances, as the artist constantly related them, were as follows. In the year 1806, Rembrandt's original picture, being then in London (but in whose actual possession I am at this moment unable to state), was an object of great interest among our principal artists, several of whom-Turner among the rest-were making copies from it. Benjamin West, the then President, exhorted my father, as one imbued with knowledge and appreciation of Rembrandt's style, not to copy the picture, but to study it well and then go home and paint a picture in emulation of it. He did so, and the result was the picture now referred to, the property of Mr. Huth. It was originally exhibited at the British Institution, in the following year, 1807, under this title, 'Ashburn Mill, inimitation of Rembrandt, by James Ward.' It appears to have been then admitted as an original work; and as such, and in conjunction with the anecdote above related, it has been considered to possess a degree of interest that authorizes an appeal to your consideration for the feelings which, as the artist's son, I may naturally have credit for. Soliciting the insertion of this letter, as a correction of the error into which your reporter has inadvertently fallen,
"I am, &c. George Raphael Ward." " I am, &c.

We shall, perhaps, render service to those interested in the important subject of pisciculture by stating that a fish-pass over a weir, to be modified according to circumstances, designed by Mr. W. Forsyth, C.E., has been adopted by the Fishery Commissioners, and that copies of the same have been issued by authority.

The collection of illuminated Hours of the Virgin, made by the late Mr. John Boykett Jarman, and probably the largest ever offered for public sale, was sold at the rooms of Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge, on Monday last, and drew a large company of competitors. Amongst the choicer specimens were: Horæ intemeratæ Dei Genitricis, cum Calendario, containing 53 miniatures with borders, 79l. 16s.—Hore, with 12 miniatures by a Flemish artist, 301.—Horse, with 50 miniatures, apparently executed for a king of France, 641. 10s. —Horse, with 27 miniatures and gorgeous architectural borders, executed for a French king, but unfortunately damaged by water and repaired, 65l. 2s.—Horse, with 76 miniatures, which had been a gift from the King of Navarre to the Gouvernante des Filles de la Reyne Mère, 301.—Hore, with 44 miniatures by a Flemish artist, 431. 10s.— Horæ, with 442 miniatures, of which 34 are the size of the page, in the best style of Flemish art, 2951. -Horæ, with 18 miniatures, 681.-Officium Beatæ Mariæ, with 47 miniatures by a French artist, 351. —Hore, with 48 gorgeous miniatures by a Flemish artist, 401. — Missale ad Usum Pontificis Romani, a magnificent specimen of illumination,

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This manuscript was much damaged by water, but in spite of this drawback produced 141l. 15s.—

Psalterium, with 12 miniatures, executed in the Fasterium, with 12 miniatures, 64t. 1s.—Horse of the Fifteenth Century, with 9 miniatures, 64t. 1s.—Horse of the Fourteenth Century, with 25 miniatures painted and damascened in the Norman style, 40t. The day's sale produced 2,331l. 3s. 6d.

The Patent Museum at South Kensington has just received an interesting addition to its collecions in the form of a printing-press at which Benjamin Franklin is said to have worked when in London. It has been presented to the museum by Mr. Wyman, of the firm of Cox & Wyman.

The Winter Garden, now in course of erection at Dublin, will be inaugurated next spring by an International Exhibition, which it is proposed to keep open for six months. When the Exhibition is closed, the building will be arranged as a permanent garden.

The Shakspeare Tercentenary has been celebrated in Melbourne, in connexion with the names of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kean. On the 23rd of April, a Meeting was held in the Town Hall, and presided over by the Mayor, when an address, numerously signed by the principal inhabitants of Melbourne, was presented to Mr. Kean, who, in reply, spoke in terms of considerable eloquence on the genius of Shakspeare, and of the honour he the gemus of Shakspeare, and of the honour he had received in having his name associated with the Tercentenary of the birth of the great Poet, through whose dramas "he had gained all he possessed in the world." In the evening, a special bill was arranged for the Haymarket Theatre, and selections from Shakspeare were performed, in-cluding the trial-scene of Shylock,—parts of 'As You Like It,' Mr. Kean supporting the character of Jaques,—and a scene from 'Romeo and Juliet,' in which Mrs. Kean personated the Nurse, and, it is reported, with capital effect. The third act of 'King John' concluded the entertainment. In addition to this recognition of the claims of the day, a Shakspearian Scholarship is proposed to be instituted in the Melbourne University.

At Copenhagen, six lectures have just been delivered at the Hall of the University, for the benefit of the families who have suffered from the bombardment at Fredericia and Sonderberg.
Prof. M. Goldschmidt, known to the English
public as the author of 'Jacob Bendixen the
Jew,' 'Homeless,' and by his letters in the Atheneum on the 'Social Aspects of the Danish War,'
Allis and the Social Aspects of the Danish War,' delivered the first lecture, and in alluding to the number of the lectures to be given said: "The number is of little consequence compared with the fact that from different branches of literature and science men have gathered in order to change, with your aid, words into bread, into material assistance to men, women and children suffering from the merciless conduct of the foe. It is a pro-test from men keeping generally aloof from daily strife, leading a life of stillness and quiet, occupied with humane studies—a protest against inhuwith humane studies—a protest against inhu-manity. It is somewhat more besides. The sole fact of literature and science, under existing cir-cumstances, amid war and deep sorrow, being made use of as productive powers, contains a symbol or an omen, that Danish culture still contrives to rebuild what German culture at present is burning and breshing down. and breaking down."

We hear from Berne that a party of twelve gentlemen, on the 10th inst., undertook a closer examination of the newly-discovered "Grotte des Fées," near St.-Maurice and Vallorbes. Furnished

the top, or it has been visited by men in former centuries. At least, nothing speaks for an attempt of the sort having been made in this century. The little expedition would have proceeded further, but for fear of causing anxiety by a longer stay to those who had been left behind, after a four hours' exploration the party returned, proposing to make another research on the 23rd inst. It is believed that the cavern ends in a cleft of the Dent du Midi. No dangers seem to attend the exploration; for though at one time the lamps threatened to go out, they soon recovered their light, and continued

The Freie Deutsche Hochstift which occupies the Goethe House, at Frankfort, has formed the laudable project of collecting all the works that relate to Goethe, and having a complete Goethe library, for scientific use, in the house of his birth. A complaint was made, in 1855, that there was no such collection in Frankfort, no means of consulting the most indispensable works about Goethe. The Hochstift intends to gather all the works of The Hochstit intends to gather all the works of Goethe, from single essays and poems to the collected editions; all writings on Goethe and his works; all correspondence relating to him; autographs and pictures of himself and his relations. Much has been done already for this, but more is wanted, and an invitation has therefore been issued to all who are interested in the subject, calling on them to contribute either any of the objects mentioned above or more subscriptions to essist in tioned above, or money subscriptions to assist in their purchase. The undertaking is no light one, as there is hardly one German author who has not written on Goethe; and even in England there is a copious and growing literature about him, especially if periodicals are to be taken into account. Gifts of the kind specified will be thankfully received by Herr Schideck, in the Goethe House,

ROYAL ACADEMY of ARTS.—The EXHIBITION of the ROYAL ACADEMY is OPEN.—In the Day, from Eight till Seven. Admission, 1s.; Catalogue, 1s. In the Evening, from Halfpast Seven till Half-past Ten. Admission, 6d.; Catalogue, 6d.

JOHN PRESCOTT KNIGHT, R.A., Sec.

SOCIETY of PAINTERS in WATER COLOURS.—The SIXTLETH ANNUAL EXHIBITION is NOW OPEN, at their Gallery, 5, Pail Mail East close to the National Gallery, from Nine till Dusk.—Admittance, iz: Catalogue, 61.

JOSEPH J. JENKINS, Secretary.

INSTITUTE OF PAINTERS IN WATER COLOURS.— The THIRTIETH ANNUAL EXHIBITION is NOW OPEN, at their Gallery, 35, Pall Mall, near St. James's Palace. Daily from Nine till dusk.—Admission, 12; Catalogue, 6d.

FRENCH GALLERY, 120, Pall Mall.—The ELEVENTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION of PICTURES—the contributions of Artists of the French and Flemish Schools—is NOW OPEN.— Admission, 1s.; Catalogue, 6d.

Mr. SIMPSON'S WATER-COLOUR DRAWINGS of INDIA THIBET, and CASHMERE, at the GERMAN GALLERY, 168 New Bond Street. Daily from Ten till Six o'clock.—Admission, 1s

ON VIEW, the PICTURE of the MARRIAGE of H.R.H. the PRINCE of WALES, painted from Actual Sittings by Mr. G. H. Thomas, who was present at the Ceremony, by gracious command of Her Majesty the Queen, at the GEEMAN GALLERY, 188, New Bond Street, daily, from Ten till Stx. Admission, J.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION.—The TENTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION of the PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY is NOW OPEN from Ten till Six, at the Gallery, 48, Pall Mall.—Admission, 1s.; Catalogue, 6d.

The PAINTERS' COMPANY'S EXHIBITION of DECORATIVE and IMITATIVE PAINTING WILL CLOSE on THURSDAY NEXT.—Admission gratis, at their Hall, No. 9, Little Trinity Lane, Cannon Street West, E.C., from Nine to Seven daily.

HOLMAN HUNT'S PICTURES.—'London Bridge on the Night of the Marriage of the Prince and Princes of Wales, and The Aftenglov in Egypt', together with Robert Narriagean Australian and Prince of the Prince of the Prince of the Australian at The New Gallery," 18, Hanover Street, Regent Street, from Nine in the morning till Ten at night.—Admission, during the day, from Nine till Seven, 1s.; and in the evening, from Seven till Ten, 6d.

SCIENCE

SOCIETIES.

ROYAL .- June 16 .- General Sabine, President, in the chair.—Dr. Brinton, Prof. Boole, Mr. T. Grubb, Sir C. Locock, and Mr. N. Wood were admitted into the Society.—The following papers were read: 'Inquiries into the National Dictary, Fées," near St.-Maurice and Vallorbes. Furnished with lamps fed with petroleum, the party advanced about 1,000 feet further than any visitors of the cavern had done hitherto, keeping always in the direction from north to south. The Grotto, as far as they explored, was equally lofty, broad and regular. The party found nothing extraordinary, except some logs of wood, half rotten and partly burnt to cinders, from which they infer that either the Grotto must have an opening at

Nerve Cells of the Spinal Cord and Encephalon, by Dr. L. S. Beale.—'On the Synchronous Distribution of Temperature over the Earth's Surface, by Mr. H. G. Hennessy.—'Experimental Researches on Spontaneous Generation,' by Dr. G. W. Child.—'On Organic Substances artificially formed from Albumen,' by Mr. A. H. Smee, jun.—'On a Colloid Acid, a Normal Constituent of Human Urine,' by Dr. W. Marcet.—'Further Observations on the Amyloid Substance met with in the Animal Economy,' by Dr. R. M'Donnell.—'Description of a new Mercurial Gasometer and Air-Pump,' by the Rev. Dr. Robinson.—'On a new Series of Bodies in which Nitrogen is substituted for Hydrogen,' by Mr. P. Griess.—'On the Distal Communication of the Blood Vessels with the Lymphatics, and on a Diaplasmatic System of Distal Communication of the Blood vessels with the Lymphatics, and on a Diaplasmatic System of Vessels,' by Dr. T. A. Carter.—'A Table of the Mean Declination of the Magnet in each Decade, from Jan. 1858 to Dec. 1863, derived from the Observations made at the Magnetic Observatory, Observations made at the Magnetic Observatory, Lisbon, by Senhor da Silva.—'On the Microscopical Structure of Meteorites,' by Mr. H. C. Sorby.—'Further Inquiries concerning the Laws and Operation of Electrical Force,' by Sir W. S. Harris.—'On the Temperament of Musical Instruments with Fixed Tones,' and 'On the Physical Constitution and Relations of Musical Chords,' by Mr. A. J. Ellis.—'On the Properties of Silicic Acid and certain other Colloidal Substances,' by Mr. T. Graham.—'On the Functions of the Cerebellum,' by Dr. Dickinson.—'On the Reduction and Oxidation of the Colouring Matter of the Blood,' by Prof. Stokes.—'Aerial Tides,' by Mr. P. A. Chase.—'Contributions towards the History of the Colouring Matters derived from Coal Tar,' of the Colouring Matters derived from Coal Tar, by Dr. Hofmann.—'New Observations upon the Minute Anatomy of the Papille of the Frog's Tongue,' by Dr. Beale.

SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES.—June 16.—O. Morgan, Esq., V.P., in the chair.—J. Thurnam, Esq., M.D., exhibited some specimens of flint implements from a barrow near Stonehenge.—W. H. ments from a barrow near Stonehenge.—W. H. Black, Esq. exhibited an urn, which he stated to be of the kind called ampulla.—A. W. Franks, Esq. exhibited, by permission of Sir T. Sebright, the grant of a crest to the Sebright family, by Cooke, Clarencieux, dated April 1, 1580.—B. B. Woodward, Esq., Librarian to the Queen, exhibited, by permission of Her Majesty, a MS. volume of bills of fare for the dinners of the Pretender and his familed uping the very 1729, 1733. On this book of the fretender and his family during the years 1732-1733. On this book, which contains some very interesting details, curious words, and bad spelling, Mr. Morgan made some remarks.—O. Morgan, Esq. exhibited, with remarks: (1.) A miniature on ivory, on which were figured the Elector Palatine Frederick the were figured the Elector Palatine Frederick the Fifth, and his wife Elizabeth, with attendants, and the Castle of Heidelberg in the background. (2.) A series of Papal rings, one of the best collections of them known to exist. (3.) A pillar dial; and (4.) a quadrant of early fourteenth century, with Cufic characters.—The Rev. T. Hugo exhibited two Papal rings of the fifteenth century.—Capt. Dunbar exhibited what was stated to be an accurate drawing of a formula grafifted discovered about Dunbar exhibited what was stated to be an accurate drawing of a famous graffito, discovered about seven years ago, at Rome. It represented a crucified figure, with the head of an ass. A bystander appeared to be worshipping the figure, and close to him were the words, in rude Greek characters, "Alexamenos worships God." The question arises whether this represents the Crucifixion, or merely a crucifixion.—S. Stone, Esq. exhibited some Saxon remains, from Stanlake, Oxon, with remarks.—I. I. Howard Esq. L.I. D. exhibited five deeds. —J. J. Howard, Esq., LL.D., exhibited five deeds, with seals attached, from Coventry, on which C.S. Perceval, Esq. communicated some remarks.

British Archeological Association.—June 8.—T. J. Pettigrew, V.P., in the chair.—Lord Boston exhibited a wax impression of the Great Seal of Charles the First, with a view of London beneath the belly of the horse; a signet-ring set with a square crystal, and sculptured with a minute profile bust of Henrietta Maria: this was a present from the Queen to Henry Rich, Earl of Holland, who conducted her to England for her marriage, and who fell in the cause of his sovemarriage, and who fell in the cause of his sovereign in 1648. A letter signed by Monmouth, as Chancellor of Cambridge, and addressed to the Vice Chancellor, having relation to the costume of persons in Holy Orders. This bears date October 8, 1674.—Lord Boston also exhibited miniature of James, Duke of Berwick.-The Rev. E. Kell exhibited a watch-seal of brass, bearing the letters J. H. H.; also an ancient leaden dump, having a cock's head on one side, and a human face on the other. Mr. Kell also transmitted some further remarks on the site of ancient Southampton.-Mr. Cecil Brent exhibited further leaden objects from the site of the Steel Yard; also the representation of a skeleton in white metal. which had been picked up among the fallings from a cart of rubbish in the City Road. - Mr. S. Wayland Kershaw sent notes in regard to tomb in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. He also sent four ancient deeds of the reigns of also sent four ancient deeds of the reigns of Edward the First, Second, and Third. They related to grants of land.—Mr. S. Wood exhibited a silver badge bearing, in relief, a three-quarter bust of Shakspeare.—The Rev. Mr. Cumming exhibited an impression from the signet-ring of Stephan Gardiner, Bishop of Winchester, the property of Mr. Gardiner Jackson, in whose mother's family it has been an heirloom for centuries.-Mr. Burgess exhibited a circular silver box, with the engraving of a tulip on the top, and with the assaystamp for 1686-7. It is the work of Richard Hayley, a goldsmith, of Covent Garden. Mr. Cuming produced another by the same artist, and with the same stamp, but the tulip on the top is larger, and not inclosed within a circle.-Mr. Clarence Hopper read a paper 'On Watches and Clocks.'-The Rev. J. H. Pollexfen described a rare medallion of glass, such as the Romans used as decorations to costly vessels, the idea of which was long retained by the Venetian craftsmen of the Middle Ages. Mr. Aug. Goldsmid exhibited a fine Misericorde of the sixteenth century, the hilt of chi-selled iron, panel gilt, with boldly-designed de-vices; also a Highland claymore, the hilt and blade of different periods .- Mr. Gordon Hills exhibited a portion of a bone implement found in the most of Desmond Castle, Adare, Ireland, the property of Lord Dunraven.—Mr. Vere Irving exhibited two objects in jet, found in Lanarkshire, one resembling the mouth of a small vase, the other a four-sided bead, united with eyelet-holes.—The remainder of the evening was occupied in a statement made by Mr. E. Roberts, regarding mediseval discoveries at Guildhall, while pulling down the upper portion for the purpose of restoring the roof.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL INSTITUTE. - June 3. - Sir J. P. Boileau, Bart., V.P., in the chair.-The Rev. G.J. Chester described certain markings and inscriptions upon rocks in Upper Egypt and Nubia, which came under his notice last winter, and which, though resembling the celebrated and much-disputed Sinaitic inscriptions, had not before been described. The inscriptions occur in great numbers upon the sandstone rocks on both sides of the Nile near Silsilis, and in several places in Nubia, especially on the east bank below Sabooa. and on the west bank, near a hamlet named Saarleh. The markings, which are often at a considerable height, and generally in the small and secluded lateral valleys leading up from the Nile, for the most part represent animals-such as the giraffe, the elephant, the gazelle, the ox, the dog, the ostrich, &c.; but sometimes men bearing bows, and apparently engaged in hunting, are repre-sented; and boats of ancient form, with double, prows, are of frequent occurrence. Mr. Chester was of opinion that these petroglyphs were not the work of casual travellers, but were ancient-probably of early Christian times. M. Mariette, the learned and successful explorer of antiquities under the Egyptian Government, was unaware of the existence of these markings until his attention was called to them by Mr. Chester.—The Rev. Pre-bendary Scarth, M.A., read an elaborate description of Roman vestiges that have been found at Bath, an account of which will appear in a con-densed form in the work on Bath, 'Aque Solis,' by Mr. Scarth, now in the press .- The Earl of Dunraven brought a portion of a very ancient

Irish lyre, found in the most of Desmond Castle, with portions of the metal pegs remaining. -Prof. Owen stated that the material was bone of the Irish elk .- Mr. J. Webb exhibited a fine processional cross of silver gilt (thirteenth century), formerly in the Soltikoff collection. It is adorned with stones en cabochon, sards, amethysts, and sapphires—one of which last, placed in the centre of the cross, is of the finest colour, but has a perforation through its axis. At each extremity of the arms are circular enamels, of excellent execution. It is adorned with legends, neatly written on vellum, in black letter. Mr. Webb sent also a group in ivory (fifteenth century), the Baptism of Christ in the Jordan.—Mr. A. Poynter sent a curious sun-dial, and a silver ring of the Lower Roman Empire, set with a fine sard intaglio, a horse feeding; on the field, HPAKAIΔHC, the owner's name. The stone, of good Greek work, is set in a gold bizzel. Both objects were found at Dover .- Mr. J. Henderson brought a pair of exquisite damascened candlesticks, of Venetian work, circa 1600.-A cushion-case, of black velvet, with embroidery in silk and gold threads, and partly in tent-stitch, overlaid on the velvet, representing animals and various flowers, was exhibited by Mrs. W. C. Morland .- The Rev. H. Maclean, of Caister, forwarded a Saxon brooch, of bronze, with traces of gilding, found, with many other Saxon relics, at Scarby, Lincolnshire.—Sir Philip de Malpas Grey-Egerton, M.P., sent a very remarkable series of drawings in water colours, genealogical memorials of the Imhof family.—Mr. E. W. Cooke, R.A., brought three ivory medallions, a statuette of Leonardo, a curious Roman glass bottle, and a remarkably fine chased steel engraving, representing, in a very spirited manner, an equestrian engagement. It has been set in the top of a snuff-box.—Mr. H. G. Bohn exhibited an Egyptian plaque, representing a feast, taken from a tomb; a papyrus in a frame; and two frescoes obtained from Herculaneum. Of these last, on the one is represented Psyche, armed with a sword and carrying a torch, proceeding to the chamber of the sleeping Cupid, according to the legend in Apuleius. It is an extremely beautiful work, obviously not of original design, but copied from some earlier Grecian original. The subject of the other, probably by the same artist, but original in composition and design, and of very inferior art, is Minerva (or Roma), seated on a cippus near a reclining water-nymph and a seated male figure.-The Rev. G. J. Chester exhibited a tablet, brought by him from the Temple of Maharraka, in Nubia, and inscribed, according to M. Mariette, with the ancient Ethiopic characters.-The Messrs. Wilkinson, of Pall Mall, sent a curious wheel-lock rifle, circa 1760, finely engraved with hunting subjects. It was presented to the late Mr. Wilkinson by the present ruler of France when Prince Louis Bonaparte. The maker's name is Neyrriter, of Salzburg. -Capt. E. Hoare exhibited, and Mr. Albert Way made some observations on, a silver cast of the matrix of the seal of Reynald, monk of Tew, in Essex. - Mr. R. H. Soden-Smith brought, among other objects, some gilt knights' spurs, and a glass bottle of English work,—probably of early seventeenth-century work,—found this year in the Thames, at Southwark. It is beautifully iridescent, and has the Tudor rose on the base of the neck. — Canon Rock brought a private Devo-tional Book of Hours; and Mr. T. Blanchchett a portrait, probably of Queen Elizabeth, discovered in a lumber-room of an old house in Cambridgeshire.-A bronze dagger and a bronze spoon, said to have been found near Allhallows Pier, were exhibited, the former by Mr. M. R. Gibbs, and the latter by the Rev. Mr. Russell, through the Chairman. Both were considered to possess some appearances of being spurious; the dagger was probably cast in the same mould as the "Celtic" one exhi-bited at the previous meeting. It was stated that large numbers of fabricated antiquities, bought by the unwary, are constantly presented at the rooms of the Institute, for the opinion of the Society on

METEOROLOGICAL.—June 15.—Dr. Tripe, V.P., in the chair.—The Members elected were: Messrs. W. Andrews, C. Barham, W. H. Barnes, F. W.

Beaumont, E. L. Betts, F. W. Costar, J. Clinch, the Hon. E. P. Bouverie, M.P., Sergt.-Major R. Gould, J. P. Gassiot, W. J. Kingsbury, J. B. Lawes, J. G. Livesey, W. A. Mackinnon, M.P., W. C. Nash, C. Neate, J. Noble, T. Pollock, Rev. T. A. Preston, Dr. W. T. Radford, S. Smiles, J. Pike Stephens, and W. Forbes.—The papers read were: - Explanation of Meteorological Tables, illustrating the Climate of South Interior Africa, by J. Kirk, Esq. M.D., of Dr. Livingstone's Zambesi Expedition. The instruments with which the observations were made were excellent, and had been carefully rated, and great confidence may be placed in the tables. The barometric observations were made with great care. A diagram was given of the gradient of the bed of the Zambesi, from barometric observations, and of the Nyassa Lake and River Shire, from two double series of barometric and boiling-point observations.—'Ozone Observations,' by M. Julin.—Mr. B. Stewart -Mr. B. Stewart exhibited specimens of photo-lithographic impressions of the traces simultaneously produced by the magnetograph at Kew and Lisbon, and made a few remarks on some of the peculiarities which these present. When the publication of these is complete, a set will be presented to the Society.—
At the Annual Meeting, the Council reported that the number of Members was 300, of whom 10 were Honorary, 50 Life, and 240 Annual; that no arrears of subscriptions were due; that after liabilities were discharged, there was a fair balance in the hands of the Treasurer; that the Society held Government stock to the amount of 800%, and possessed a large and increasing library. Under these circumstances, they considered that the time had arrived for taking steps for procuring a Royal Charter of Incorporation, which would promote the interests and increase the usefulness of the Society. The Meeting adopted the recommendation of the Council, and desired them to do what was necessary for obtaining a charter. A subscription was opened in the room for meeting the nece expense, without encroaching on the funds of the Society.—The new Council elected are:—Presi-Society.—Ine new Council elected are:—Freedent, Dr. Thomson; Vice-Presidents, A. Brady, S. W. Silver, Dr. Tripe, and S. C. Whitbread; Treasurer, H. Perigal; Secretaries, J. Glaisher and C. V. Walker; Librarian, H. S. Eaton, M.A.; Foreign Secretary, Lieut. Col. Strange; Council, Messrs. N. Beardmore, C. Brooke, L. Clark, W. P. Dymond, F. Galton, J. P. Harrison, Dr. Lee, R. W. Mylne, D. Slate, T. Sopwith, B. Stewart, and Dr. Tripe.

SYRO-EGYPTIAN.—June 14.—Dr. J. Lee in the chair.—T. Lewin, Esq. made a communication 'On the Site of the Temple at Jerusalem.' Mr. Lewin's arguments were mainly based on Josephus's account of the form and size of the Temple, which he said necessitated its being placed at the south-west corner of the Temple inclosure. This view of the subject was further supported by the relative position of Herod Agrippa's Palace, of Herod's Cloisters and of the connecting bridge or causeway over the Tyropeon; by the position of the gates, and by a variety of other details which the author enumerated at length.

MEETINGS FOR THE ENSUING WEEK.

Mon. Geographical, 8.— 'Island of Kishm, Persian Gult,'
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Horocultural.—Rose Show.
Society of Arts. 4.—Annual General.
Nus. Chemical, 8.—"Philosophy of Agriculture,' Mr. Way.
Archæological Institute, 4.

FINE ARTS

MR. HERBERT'S PICTURE, MOSES'S 'DESCENT FROM

WHEN Moses went up into Mount Sinai for the second time, we cannot doubt, although the text does not repeat the arrangements of the first ascent, that he put guards round about the base, and permitted none to go with him, not even those who, on the first occasion, had done so. Joshua, who had gone highest of all, was left with the people—it may be, that his masterful spirit might rule the turbulent. The terrible phenomens

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of the first interview of Moses with the Lord did of Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, who died before the | despite the fugitives' turbulence and disobedience, of the first interview of Ausses with the Lord did not long awe the Israelites, and even the slaughter of three thousand evil-doers could not impress them more than that second absence of their leader in the recesses of the mysterious mountain, which they had seen quake, and smoke, and give

out fire—signs, to them, impressive.

The mountain thus guarded, and inaccessible, with the strong-handed Joshua to maintain authority, the people watched the sunlit rock for forty days and nights, and were encamped in the narrow barren valley; their tents gathered about the mummy pavilion of Joseph, while the sun rose and sank, and a second moon was fast completing its round in the sky. At length the time pleting its round in the sky. At length the time was complete, and Moses came from the recesses of the blinding peaks. It does not appear that any "long-sounding trumpet" announced for the second time his approach; but of the thousands of eyes that watched the passes of the rock, many must have seen the first wave of his garment, as must have seen the first wave of his garment, as he descended, turning along the step like platforms of the hill, upon a path that was strewn with scanty shrubs, which grasped at subsistence in the fissures of the stones they could not clothe even with a mantle thick enough to colour them. The ledges, grade by grade, brought Moses downwards—his shadow, that would be nearly as tall as himself at the hour of four in the afternoon, which is that of the picture, would be more visible than this figure, accompanying him as he turned on the devious path, and, though heavily laden and deep in years, strode firmly, indeed mightily, along. The last level brought him full in the sight of the people, and they would set up a great shout, and clamber the lower grades of the mountain in dense masses, men, women and children, until stopped by the guards with spears, and bows and

The princes, the elders, and some of those that were with them, advanced within the line, and met Moses as he came with the Tables of the testimony in his hand. At first, says the historian, the effulgence of the reflexion of the presence of the Lord that was about his face, daunted them, and they retreated, "being afraid to come nigh"; but he called to them, and Aaron and the rulers returned. This is the main subject of Mr. Herbert's Moses has reached a platform, or step of the mountain; the great men have met him; the peaks of Sinai proper, which the Law-bringer has left, are on the right of the spectators, their surfaces hot in the colour of sunlight, their clefts filled with blue or purple shadows; overhead is an almost cloudless sky; on the left there are hills that face the peak of the Law—their removed sides glowing in the sunlight, as they face the west; their nearer fronts darkened by shadows that are an indearer fronts carreined by shadows that are an in-tense pure blue where they reflect that colour in the firmament, and purplish where the orange glow of the lighted sides of the opposite hills affects them. This treatment is truthful, and will now startle ordinary spectators much less than it did a few years ago, while the popular mind scouted blue and purple shadows, and insisted that sunlight was of the colour of clay. Between these hills is a valley-plain stretching along the vista that ends near the point whence the Promised Land was seen Land was seen. In the middle of the plain are the black tents of Israel; in their midst, a white pavilion stands, its sides withdrawn so that the mummycase of Joseph, prepared after the Egyptian manner, is distinctly visible.

Moses bears the Tables of the Law one in each

hand, and has, in order that he might support their weight, bound about them the ends of his girdle— a significant action wisely adopted by Mr. Herbert, as will be felt by all who remember the references of Scripture to the girdle and its uses in cases of endurance and whenever vigour was to be sus-tained. Foremost among those who met Moses is Aaron, who wears the Levite dress of white marked with black, and, as the elder brother, bears in his hand the rod of inheritance; one of his hands is placed near his breast, his face expressing surprise and veneration, but little that can mean awe. Near him is Joshua, wearing a red dress as appro-priate to a soldier; a little withdrawn are the sons

of Aaron, Nadao and Adinu, who died defore the Lord, having offered strange fire to Him, and even now seem to regard the event with suspicion. Next to Joshua is Nun, his father; then comes Eleazar, and a little lower down, as partly separated from the immediate event by his lay office, is a Prince of Judah; behind the last presses forward a woman bearing a cradle or little ark, such as that in which Moses was exposed. Near are some Copts and Ethiopians, such as might have accompanied the people of Israel in their flight. These, and many more, stand on the spectator's left; on his right and on the other side of the central group formed and on the other side of the central group formed by Moses, Aaron and the great men, is a smaller knot of persons, comprising Hur, who, with Aaron, upheld the hands of Moses while the fight went on with Amalek, in Rephidim, and, clad in a sheep-skin, Caleb, the guide, who, "because he had another spirit with him," was, except Joshua, the sole survivor in Israel of those above twenty years of age who saw the Promised Lead. He has a marky age who saw the Promised Land. He has a manly action; Hur is graver and more thoughtful. Next to them is Bezaleel, the son of Uri, of the tribe of Judah them is Bezaleel, the son of Uri, of the tribe of Judah—the artist who was filled by the Lord "with the spirit of God in wisdom, and in knowledge and in understanding" that he might make the ornaments of the Temple, and whose altar was a treasure in Solomon's time. In the corner is a young woman giving water to a thirsty child, and, of all this group nearest to Moses, Miriam, in a passionate attitude, hiding her face with her arms as if the effulgence round about his head or the thought of his present office mastered her senses. These main his present office mastered her senses. These main his present office mastered her senses. These main groups are connected, and the composition of the picture sustained by the arrangement in the front of an open, arch-shaped line of persons, who kneel, and of all present, except the fiery Miriam, are most impressed by the event. This group has an appropriateness in its elements which need hardly be pointed out; it forms a sort of human arch, and expresses the leading characteristics of the mind of them in the current of life. It is comthe mind of man in the current of life. It is composed thus:--kneeling, with an infant in her arms and turning to look at the leaders, is a young mother; next her feet a child who, unconscious of mother; next her feet a child who, unconscious of all, plays with the thorny branch of a shrub growing upon the rock. A naked boy stands next her, old enough to be impressed, and may remember the slaughter of the three thousand by those who came to Moses when he cried, "Who is on the Lord's side!" Above these kneel a man who has made a vow-a shepherd with his hair cropped like that of a Nazarite, an ordinary Levite, and an unshorn shepherd. These are the elements of the picture. Mr. Herbert's manners of thought and treatment

are of the most literal and positive order; even the are of the most literal and positive order; even the effulgence about the brow of Moses is a fact; it mingles with and shimmers in the daylight, as such a thing might do, and is thus free of conventional art. It proceeds in two lines of radiance from the temples of the Chief of Israel, and not like the horns or excrescences of Michael Angelo's 'Moses,' which exhibit, it cannot be denied, a crude and rather vulgar idea, savouring of Ammon, and more remarkable for pagan erudition than poetic propriety, or accordance with the essentials of Christian Art. The face of Mr. Herbett's 'Moses' 'lacks priety, or accordance with the essentials or Christian Art. The face of Mr. Herbert's "Moses" lacks the physical grandeur of that which Michael Angelo produced; indeed it is not grand at all. To our minds, having looked at the picture long enough to separate the accidents of the subject and those of the artist's manner of treating it from this countenance, and thus becoming able to judge the latter wholly by itself, there is nothing in it which proves that the painter has been absorbed, or even at heart impressed, by the character of Moses or at neart impressed, by the character of intoose or the astounding event in which he took part. He looks worn and old, but the soul of the man who could sustain the Presence, even the soul of the man who could lead Israel out of Egypt, is not here. The face is that of a highly-nerved, somehere. The face is that of a highly-herved, somewhat physically irritable, and intelligent person of the nineteenth century. Mental grandeur does not show itself in it; the magnanimity of Moses, one of his most potent characteristics, finds little expression in this visage. The awful burden that he bore and the awfulness of his task have not sufficed to open that countenance with glory. The assurance, of which he was the messenger, that

Israel was thought worthy of hearing the Law repeated, and the triumph of a chief who came thus a second time to his people burdened with promises and injunctions, have not moved this promises and injunctions, have not moved this painted man to an eager glance or a joyful gesture. Doubtless the Tables were heavy and the man was old; it may be that the fast in Sinai was forty days long, but that which filled him with the fire of life would surely have presented some more ardent aspect than that of the man in this picture, who seems to come, unmoved, scarcely regarding the leaders of his people, the people whom he loved so well, and—not to use the word in an offensive sense—to shuffle his way along the hot platforms of the rock of Sinai after leaving the presence of God.

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To be in keeping with so impassive a Moses, the principal figures betray little emotion. The action of Aaron suggests little joy and no awe. In pathos, it exceeds not the power of anybody to recognize, but it comes far short of the ideas of some who have studied the subject. The subordinate actions have studied the subject. The subordinate actions are appropriate to each other, but they are temperate to the last degree. In some of the figures Mr. Herbert's habitual affectations of manner,—as in the strained and reverted eyes, forced turns of the neck, &c.,—are apparent, as may be seen in the man standing behind Joshua; and not a little in the face of Caleb. This affectation of design is most marked in the women. The figure of the woman who, standing behind the Prince of Judah, clasps her hands, is artificial to the last degree; she does not stand truly on her the last degree; she does not stand truly on her feet, but seems propped up by the canvas; such is the one who, on the other side of the picture, gives water to a thirsty child. Would any woman do so at such a time? We think not. The figure of Miriam is surely a mistake; she was an old woman at this time; but the painter has given her the figure and action of a young one—see her fair and fiesby arms. The drawing of the figures is, in many points,

learned and sound, and form is expressed not only in outline but by modelling,—see the figure of the kneeling shepherd, who is naked above the waist, and the flesh, unclothed as well as clothed, of the and the flesh, inclothed as well as clothed, of the principal figures. The background of rocks and mountains is rendered with photographic truth; the richness and variety of colour therein has a marvellous charm, the sunlight effect is painted with unexceptionable skill. As much may be said for the colour as for the lighting of the picture: it is very fine, and as far as seems consistent with Mr. Herbert's idea of the subject, brilliant. The Mr. Herbert's idea of the subject, brilliant. The textures are complete in variety and rendering of surfaces. The qualities which attract all observers for the first time of this work, are its largeness, breadth, brilliancy, fidelity to atmospheric effect, emphatic disposition of masses, and truth of form. That which overrides the memory of these elements of which overrides the memory of these elements of technical success, impressing itself with tenfold force on a second examination, and makes them seem unsubstantial or trivial, is the timid reading of the theme, the weakness of Moses's attitude, the prosaic style of his face, and the impassiveness of his companions. This design is not the work of a poet; we are not present at the coming down of Moses; no one is awed or hushed before the picture—the very ladies who throng the room prattle in front of it without shame.

Fine-Art Gossip.—The current Exhibition of the Society of Painters in Water Colours is, probably, the most successful that has taken place in this country. Not only has the number of visitors to the Gallery in Pall Mall been greater than before, but six-sevenths of the three hundred and fifty works displayed are sold; two hundred of them found purchasers ere they were sent to the Exhibition; one hundred have been sold on the walls. The prices of water-colour pictures have kept pace proportionately with the great recent increase in those given for works in oil. The Winter Exhibition of Sketches and Studies by Members of this Society will open in November next. November next.

Messrs. Cundall & Downes have purchased from the Department of Science and Art the triple series

of photographic negatives taken from Raphael's Cartoons, by Mr. Thurston Thompson, and they

intend to re-publish copies of the same.

Messrs. Christie, Manson & Woods sold, on the 17th and 18th instant, some pictures, the property of the late Earl of Clare, the Right Hon. E. Ellice, G. A. Hoskins, and E. G. Vernon Harcourt, Esqs. The most noteworthy items, their prices, and purchasers' names, were as follows: Lord Clare's collection: W. Mieris, The Drawing Lesson, lady cutting a pencil, old man examining a drawing, 92l. 8s. (F. Nieuwenhuys),—V. der Werff, Group of Children beneath an arch, looking at a bird's nest, from Lord Besborough's collection, British Institution, 1842, 113l. 8s. (F.Webb),—Ruysdael, An upright Landscape, river rushing over broken ground, fortress on the bank, Brit. Inst., 1842, 225l. 10s. (Holloway),—Wynants, A small Landscape, horsemen and other figures by A. Van der Velde, on a road near a row of trees, 1001. 16s. (Vokins),—Teniers, Group of five persons seated at a table playing at cards, a female frying pancakes, other figures in the background, from the Marquis of Ely's collection, Brit. Inst., 1838, 159l. 12s. (J. M. Smith), -Snyders, Two Monkeys quarrelling (J. M. Smith), —Snyders, I we monkeys quarrants over a basket of fruit, from Sir C. Bagot's collection, Brit. Inst., 1844, 123L 18s. (Rutley),—Three Dogs standing near a pan, with a calf's head and feet, 92L 8s. (Annoot),—P. Potter and Wynants, A small upright Landscape, a huntsman asleep beneath a tree, dog and grey horse near him, Brit. Inst., 1842, 94l. 10s. (Haynes),—Weenix, A Dead Hare hanging to a tree, 378l. (Ward),—Garofalo, The Holy Family, outside a building, city on the sea-shore in the distance, British Gallery, 1816, 941. 10s. (Ward), -Wynants, An upright Landscape, peasants on a road beneath a bank, near which is a dead tree, Brit. Inst., 1842, 100l. 16s. (Holloway),—J. B. Greuze, Young Girl caressing a spaniel, 1,071l. (Durlacher),—J. Van Huysum, A group of roses, peonies, and pinks, from Sir C. Bagot's collection, Brit. Inst., 1834, 525l. (Farrer), -W. Mieris, An old woman and a boy giving food to a beggar, who is seated on a bank near an old tree, Brit. Inst., 1842, 162l. 10s. (Cox),—Netscher, "La Tricoteuse," female seated at a window, Ruiysdael, A Landscape, cottage near a pool of water, surrounded by trees, peasants on a road, 210. 5s. (Vokins),—Wouvermans, Travellers, with a horse and cart, descending a hill, two figures, with a horse, wading a stream, Brit. Inst., 1838, 162l. 15s. (F. Nieuwenhuys),—G. Dow, An Astrologer, holding a candle, and leaning over a book, globe, bottle, and hour-glass beside him, from the collections of Hesse-Cassel, MM. Six, La Perrier, and Barchard, 703l. 10s. (Haynes),—Murillo, Peasant drinking from a glass and holding a bottle, from the Talleyrand and Lord C. Townshend collections, Brit. Inst., 1838, 1,365l. (Rutley). Total of this property, thirty-nine lots, 6,772l. 17s.—From Lord C. Townshend's collection: Van Dyck, Portrait of Madame le Roy, 94l. 10s. (Bourne),—Reynolds, Portrait of F. M. Count La Lippe, purchased at the sale of the Marchioness of Thomond's pictures, 1311. 5s. (Smith). A different property: J. Schorel. Life of St. Augustine, eleven compartments in gold borders, 79l. 16s. (Adams),—Jan Steen, A Village Fête, villagers in front of a cabaret, the artist, with his wife and children in front, the former joking with an old man, 115l. (Adams),—Wynants, Landscape, view in Guelderland, trees and felled timber in the foreground, peasants driving sheep and cattle down hilly road, figures by A. Van der Velde, 136l. 10s. (Bourne),—Teniers, The Enchantress quitting the Infernal Regions; emerging from a cavern guarded by Cerberus, grotesque figures round her: once the property of Reynolds, the Marchioness of Thomond, and Samuel Rogers, 1261. (Bourne),-Thomond, and Samuel Rogers, 1266. (Bourne),—
L. Backhuizen, The Prince of Orange's Yacht off
Amsterdam, 1101. 5s. (Page),—Velasquez, Four
Persons playing at Monti, 2101. (Cox).—The
property of E. Ellice, Esq.: P. Wouvermans,
Travellers halting at an Inn-door on the banks
of a River, 1731. 5s. (Pearce),—J. Ruÿsdael, A
Watermill, wooded heights and figures in front,
941. 10s. (Pearce),—Van der Capalla River Score. 94l. 10s. (Pearce),—Van der Capella, River Scene, state barge, boats and figures, 535l. 10s. (same),— View near the Mouth of a Dutch River, vessels,

figures, a church in the distance, 168l. (Cox),—W. Van der Velde, A Calm, man-of-war and boats at anchor, 210l. (Pearce),—Sea Piece, calm, fishing-craft and yachts at anchor, 294l. (same).—The same auctioneers sold, on the 18th inst., the pictures of the late G. A. Hoskins, Esq., comprising many works attributed to old Italian and Spanish masters, some of which, although once belonging to famous collectors and much praised, sold for small prices. The most important lot was a Murillo, St. Joseph with the Infant Saviour on his Knee, Art-Treasures, 1857, which was purchased by Mr. Moore, for 304l. 10s. - A Raphael, belonging to Mr. Vernon Harcourt, was, with other pictures, sold on the same day, by the same auctioneers, to Mr. Anthony, for 252l., the title being The Virgin and an Angel.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA

MUSICAL UNION.— JOACHIM and HALLE at the DIRECTOR'S MATINEE, TUSEDAY, June 28, to commence at Three o'elock.—Grand Septett (entire), Beethoven; Andante and Scherso, Quartett, Mendelssohn: Kreutzer Sonata, Beethoven; Grand Septett, Piano, &c., Hummel. Pianoforte Solos and Vocal Music. Members are required to present their Tickets.—Visitors can pay at the Hall, or procure Tickets, Halfa-Schines each, at Cramer & Wood's; Chappell's; Ollivier's; and Ashdowa & Parry's.

J. ELLA, Director.

MUSICAL UNION,—On TUESDAY NEXT, the MATINÉE will commence at Three o'clock.—Artists engaged: Joachim, Ries, Webb, Davidoff, Fratten, and the principal Wind Instrumentalists of Costa's Band. Pianist, Halle.—Visitors' Tickets, Halfa-Guinea cach, to be had of Camer & Wood; Chappell; Ollivier; Austin, at the Hall, and Ashdown & Parry.

HERR JOACHIM will appear at Mr. LINDSAY SLOPER'S SECOND PERFORMANCE of PIANOFORTE MUSIC varied by Vocal Music, together with Medames Arabella Goddard and Leschetizki, Herr Reichardt, Messrs. Benedict and Osborne, at St. Jame's Hall, on WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, June 29, commencing at Halfpast Two o'clock.—Sofa Stalls, Halfa-Guines: Balony, 5s.—Tickets may be had of all Musicsellers; and at Mr. Austin's Ticket Office, St. James's Hall.

MR. JOHN THOMAS (Pencerdd Gwalia) begs to amounce that his GRAND EVENING CONCERT will take place at ST. JAMES'S HALL, on WEDNESDAY, June 2), when will be performed (for the first time in London, his Dramatic Cantata, LLEWELYN, by the following Eminent Artists: Miss Edith Wynne, Madame Sainton-Dolby; Mr. Sins Reeves and Mr. Lewis Thomas; United Choirs, Band of Harps, and Full Orchestra, Harps: Mr. J. Balin' Chatterton (Harpist to the Queen), Mr. T. Wright, Mr. Cheshire, Mr. John Thomas, &c. Conductor, Mr. Alfred Mellon, Principal Violins: M. Sainton and Mr. Henry Thomas, Sa. Welbeck Street, Cavendish Square, Wr. Balcony, Half-a-Guinea; Area, 5s.; Gallery and Back Area, 2s. 6d.; to be obtained at the principal Music Warehouses; and at Mr. Austin's Ticket-office, 2s, Piccadilly.

QUEEN'S CONCERT ROOMS, Hanover Square.—Signor GIULIO REGONDI'S MORNING CONCERT will take place on "HIURSDAY NEXT, June 30, to commence at Three o'clock precisely.—Artistes: Madame Lemmens-Sherrington, Mdlle. Linas Martorelle, Miss Lascelles, Signori Gardoni and Delle Sedie. Pianoforte. Mr. Charles Halle; Harp, Mr. Boleyne Keeves; Violoncello, Conductor, Mr. Francesco Berger.—Reservel Seats, Half-a-Günes each; Tickets, 7a.; to be had of the principal Musicsellers; at Austin's Office, St. James's Hall, Piccadilly; at the Rooms; and of Signor Giulio Regondi.

THE ITALIAN OPERAS .- Mdlle. Artot, who, after having made a brilliant appearance at Her Majesty's Theatre last year, was unaccountably withheld from the public (as though her manager was afraid of all successes save one), is in her right place at Covent Garden. Nothing could be more satisfactory and gratifying than her reception on Tuesday, in that most lucky of operas, Donizetti's 'La Figlia.' Our epithet is not thrown out at random. A work which has been sustained by three such artists as Mdlle. Lind, Sontag, and the new Maria, has had a good fortune not common. Mdlle. Artot is one of the few young artists who has learnt her art. An occasional exu-berance in ornament (referable to the school in which she has studied, and which, unless when spontaneous, offends just taste) is all that can be charged against her. Her voice is agreeable, her style that of a thorough musician; she is dashing, and at ease on the stage, without the very faintest shade of vulgarity-in her archness and animation recalling Sontag, who did not (like Mdlle. Lind) sentimentalize the part. Mdlle. Artot's reception was all that could be desired,—not more than she deserved. Signor Ronconi's Sulpizio is another of the distinct and various creations of this unrivalled actor; to be added to the list which already contains Chevreuse, and Dulcamara, and the Doge in I due Foscari,' and Papageno. Could range be wider? The part of the Sergeant, being one of talk, rather than singing, suits his present powers to perfection. Signor Neri-Baraldi, one of the most available artists ever possessed by any theatre, must not escape as *Tonio*, the lover, without a word of

commendation. We make bold to declare (not for getting the Berlin display in 'Vielka') that such a regiment as Mr. Gye's *Twenty-first* has never been seen on any stage. The reality of costume and manœuvre, the effect of numbers, could not have been exceeded. So that here is another legitimate success; and one of Donizetti's two best comic operas ('Don Pasquale' is the other) is added, we trust for many a long day to come, to Mr. Gye's repertory. Madame Didiée has been sing. ing the part of Zerlina in 'Don Giovanni.'

There is a talk of Madame Miolan-Carvalho

appearing at Covent Garden in her favourite part of Cherubino, in 'Le Nozze,'-a part which (no offence to Mr. Lumley, who states the contrary) belongs to a soprano, and not to a contralto voice, -having been transposed to suit the latter during late years, and, we believe, exclusively so in Eng. land .- An accident which has happened to a new comer, who was beginning to make his way here, will, it is said, deprive the public for some time of the services of Signor Scalese.

Mr. Mapleson seems to be never tired of introducing novelties, of whom little is heard when once their introduction is over. The last is a Mdlla Grossi, of whose appearance in 'Marta' our con-temporaries speak in courteous terms. His "subscription" season draws to a close; so that if 'Mireille' should come to pass, it will appear for the benefit of the miscellaneous frequenters, and not the upholders of the establishment. This is a policy more curious than well contrived.

It is not possible for us this week to speak of the performance of 'Fidelio' at Her Majesty's Theatre—the first night of the revival having been postponed from Tuesday till Thursday. The cause alleged in the green-rooms has been the in-disposition of Mdlle. Tietjens. At this who can wonder? The lady has trusted too recklessly to her superb natural resources; and, not being a sound vocalist, has been encouraged to use them as her sole means of effect, by this prematurely bringing on a state of fatigue, from which, under such circumstances, there can be small rational hope of recovery. Under precisely analogous conditions did Herr Formes, a robust, handsome man, magnifi-cently endowed, "break down." Had he been a real artist, not a pretender, he might have delighted his public for years to come. Let Sontag and Lablache be instanced as examples which prove the rule. Now, too, more than ever, is the most consummate art required to stand the wear and tear of modern orchestras, at least five-and-twenty per cent. stronger than they used to be,—the exactions of modern compositions,—and the demands of managers. These are assuredly more despotic than reasonable. The plan of over-working popular favourites may be carried too far, even if the artist have lungs like those of the lady in question—or of Herr Wachtel. Allowing that there is to be no consideration for orchestra and chorus,-a despotic assumption, some will be humane enough to fancy, -the present system of performing five nights out of the seven, taken in conjunction with frequent changes of the repertory, and preparations of vast and elaborate works, cannot but harass the most willing and accomplished of singers. It is said that Mdlle. Patti may, for this cause, find it necessary to hand over the part she represents so charmingly

—Margarita, in M. Gounod's opera (the rage for which increases), -to Mdlle. Artot: such a measure rendering imperative a third set of rehearsals for a single work during one season. Nor is this all. It is at the time of all times when every one is beginning to flag, and to have some need for rest, that the rival managers are preparing to play their two great cards: Mr. Mapleson, just before he winds up his season, announcing 'Mireille' to follow the exhausting 'Fidelio,'—Mr. Gye, the complicated and elaborate 'L'Étoile.' That most intricate among Meyerbeer's operas has still to be produced ere the "houses rise" and our Lords and Commons are off to the moors, and our ladies start to repair their youth and beauty in country-house gaieties or at some German bath! One whimsy more is worth adverting to-

metamorphosis of engagement-breakers into political enthusiasts, acting on the sternest, if not most Spartan, principles.

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Nothing can be more delicious than the tone of virtuous indignation assumed by certain Berlin papers on the subject of Mdlle. Lucca's flight from papers on the subject of Mdlle. Lucca's flight from London. Ignoring, for the nonce, how plain spoken are Berlin opera-goers and valets-de-place in regard to the singer's home freaks and habits ("to put a fine point" on it) of convivality,—they credit this wild young person, in a most defiant fashion, with a high-souled Austrian nationality that could be only that abuse of Perusia which is a subject to the contract of Perusia which is a subject. not brook that abuse of Prussia which is universal not brook that abuse of Prussia which is universal in England!—and with a refinement such as made one habitually breathing the balmy odours of the Spree and of the kennels of the Leipziger Strasse sicken under the horrors of a London climate. They are heartily welcome to their ill-temper and to their treasure. Nothing more truly comical in its conceit and Anglophobia has been put forth since the never-to-be-forgotten dictum of the parent of Mdlle. Joanna Wagner (another Berlin prima donna), that England was only good for artists as a place for money-making. Mendelssohn and Meyerbeer knew, Herren Joachim and Lauterbach know, better. Inom better.

Concerts.—As yet, no cessation in the number of Concerts is to be noticed. This makes brevity in report indispensable—nor isit possible altogether to avoid omissions. Thus in our last week's list, the names of Mr. Ignace Gibsone and the fashionable pianist M. Blumenthal were left out by accident.—At the Crystal Palace, the Opera Concerts continue to attract large audiences. There, too, Mr. Martin's monster choral concert duly took place, our contemporaries assure us with great place, our contemporaries assure us, with great success.—The fewest lines must be devoted to Mr. Halle's Sikth Recital: these in honour of Dussek's elegant Sonata, No. 3, Op. 69, of Bach's Toccata and Fuga in E minor (an admirable specimen of science and grace moving in harmony),—and of a selection from Beethoven's Bagatelles. The Recital closed with Schumann's "Carnival scenes."—Mr. closed with Schumann's "Carnival scenes,"—Mr. Walter Macfarren's third Matinée, this day week, made us feel as if we had not as yet done full justice to his firm, expressive hands on the pianoforte. His duett Sonata with violin (in performing which he was ably assisted by M. Sainton) is to be commended for the graceful flow of its opening allegro. The other movements are neither ill made nor unpleasing: but the first is the best of the four.

—Mr. Benedict this year, as usual, gave a concert, which, had it been split into three, would have been liberally sufficient to attract as many audibeen liberally sufficient to attract as many audiences. The one novelty was the appearance of MM. Joachim and Wieniawski in one of Spohr's violin duetts (among the best of that master's compositions). The concert-giver's Canatata 'Richard,' and his elegant Chamber-Opera, 'The Bride of Song,' have been already mentioned here. In such a huge concert, there must of necessity be much hurry, and little Art.

At Mr. Ella's Seventh Concert of the Musical Union were to be heard Schumann's equivocal

Union were to be heard Schumann's equivocal Union were to be heard Schumann's equivocal Pianoforte Quintett, and the equally indisputable stringed Quintett of Mendelssohn, Op. 87,—indisputable in right of its andante scherzando and its superb adagio e lento. In the latter the composer rises very near to the height of Beethoven's sublimity. M. Leschetizki was the pianist.

The historical concert of Madame Graumann Marchesi and Signor Marchesi was full of interest. Both lady and contlemen sing well shaping.

Marchesi and Signor Marchesi was full of interest. Both lady and gentleman sing well, showing a thorough understanding of styles, ancient and modern, not to be met with every day. Their programme had been carefully selected from the works of those grand old Italians, who effected for the singers that which the grand old Germans did for the orchestra. They were assisted by Mdlle. Marie Wieck, an honest pianist; by M. Wieniawski, who gave the violin Chaconne of Bach with great spirit and mastery over strings and bow; and by spirit and mastery over strings and bow; and by Herr Blumner.

Attention may be fairly called to the advertisement of Mr. Demond Ryan's coming concert, at which we are told all the most distinguished artists in London will appear,—a somewhat Oriental promise, as can be proved from the list of vocalists and instrumental players announced. Let us merely advert to one small hiatus. Not one singer or player from the Royal Italian Opera is named!

We could go further in specification; but there are certain pretensions which a single line sufficiently characterizes.

Yet another new pianist (till now unknown to English fame), M. Hartvigson, will appear at Monday's—the last—Philharmonic Concert.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC GOSSIP.—The following speaks for itself:—"I beg leave to refer to you a fact, which being a final and corroborating statement of your 'Notes on Meyerbeer' (in the Athenœum for June 4), may, perhaps, be acceptable to your readers, as it proves, contradictory to M. Offenbach's feuilleton in the Grand Journal, and in accordance with your opinion, that Mayerbeen had not begun to write a prestorie that Meyerbeer had not begun to write an oratorio for England. But it will be of some interest to the English admirers of our lamented master, that he intended to do so. One day, about a year ago, before he left Berlin for his usual tour to Spa and Paris, I got a note from Meyerbeer, in which and Paris, I got a note from Meyerbeer, in which he asked me to come and see him, as he had something of importance to communicate to me. It was to the following effect: 'I have been many times,' so he told me, 'invited by the Birmingham Committee to write an Oratorio for one of its great festivals. If I have declined, or hitherto, at least, not given my positive promise, it was because I am not able to set music to English words, and, secondly because I cannot reake a gray mind to comsecondly, because I cannot make up my mind to compose any strictly *Biblical* text.' He then proceeded to explain to me how he should like to conclude his career with a great work of sacred music, but that it should be free of any dogmatical character whatit should be free of any dogmatical character what-ever. Now, on his last visit to England, solicited again to undertake the task, and, moreover, allowed to choose any subject he liked, and to set his music to German words (as they might easily be translated into English), he determined to go to work. 'I would be most happy,' so he said, 'to comply at last with my English friends, and by way of a musical performance of a sacred character to be made acquainted with a large class of the English public who never assist at any theatrical English public who never assist at any theatrical representation. It was for this purpose that Meyerbeer wished to see me. He asked me if I would undertake to write for him a poem, which, without being founded on a subject from the Holy Bible, would be a proper theme for an oratorio. Being honoured by such a demand, I did not hesi-tate to accept it, and shortly afterwards received a letter from him, in which he gave me his opinion and advice regarding a similar poem, on which I was engaged at that time for Mr. Anton Rubinstein. Shortly before Meyerbeer's leaving Berlin, stein. Shortly before Meyerbeer's leaving Berlin, we agreed upon going to work as soon as he should return, and I had already entered on my preparations when the sad news of Meyerbeer's death reached me. The great composer's English friends will not learn without satisfactory feeling, that one of his last musical conceptions was on their

one of his last musical conceptions was on their behalf.

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"DR. JULIUS RODENBERG."

We spoke of Meyerbeer's Parisian obsequies as characteristic. Surely never was there man so strangely and brilliantly honoured after death by honours consonant with his life as the composer of 'Les Huguenots.' Let us paraphrase from La Gazette Musicale the account of what happened at the Barcelona Opera House, on the 31st of last month. "'Robert' had been selected for the occasion, and a hill, put into mourning, brought occasion, and a bill, put into mourning, brought occasion, and a bill, put into mourning, brought together, almost at a moment's warning, an audience numbering 4,000 persons. The parts were taken by Mesdames Penco and Bardoni, by MM. Sarti, Capello, Vialetti. At the third act the imposing votive ceremony began, with a fantastic symphony by M. Sanchez. Then the curtain rose, and displayed a beautiful funereal monument, surrounded by all the artists belonging to the theatre. Nine of these, each bearing a letter of the name of Meyerheer, set in wreaths of imthe name of Meyerbeer, set in wreaths of immortelles, arranged these letters on the monument. There, already, had been deposited the three great scores of the illustrious master, which were crowned by the artists, Signor Bottesini among the number. On the deposition of these nine letters, broke out the March from 'Le Prophète,' and white doves, with black ribbon collars, were loosed

on the stage, amid the frantic enthusiasm of the

Another notice from Barcelona (one of the few Another notice from Barcelona (one of the few cities in Spain which seems to gather or quicken any musical life) mentions a great choral festival, lately given there, by two thousand chorus-singers, and an orchestra of three hundred players.

"Since I wrote last week," says a Correspondent, "in a strain (it may be objected) of levity

concerning our London street music, with which, Mr. Gladstone has enunciated, it would be 'un-warrantable to interfere,' a grave illustration of its uses and benefits has come before me, worth tendering as substantial evidence during the time tendering as substantial evidence during the time of discussion. There are not, as I said a week ago, an out-of-doors 'people' for street-music in the quarter I inhabit, which is, nevertheless, terribly infested. Its inhabitants, however, will sometimes fall out of health—and die. A few days ago, one of these was lying in extremis. The patient, carefully and thought the whole was a preprosely conscious. these was lying in extremis. The patient, carefully and thoughtfully tended, was nervously conscious to the last. There came a street-organ down below. The dying person was thrown by it into a state of agitation and distress painful to witness. The nuisance was compelled or persuaded to leave its station immediately beneath the windows of the chamber of Death,—but did so merely to move round the corner of the street, where its aggravations continued during such remnant of time as life lasted to its victim, who till the last was tortured out of all calm and composure by the 'amusement of the people.' I have purposely confined myself to the letter of bald truth, and have withheld every detail which could be held as

fined myself to the letter of bald truth, and have withheld every detail which could be held as 'making up a case' by appealing to sentimental or morbid sympathy.

We are told in The Orchestra that the New National Opera Company is in a fair way of being reconstructed with every chance of success, and that the commencement of its proceedings may be looked for in October. We have heard that a treaty is on foot with Miss Fyne.

A MS. Stringed Quartett, by M. Baetens, of

A MS. Stringed Quartett, by M. Baetens, of which we hope to have some future occasion of speaking (knowing the worth of the Professor) was produced at a late concert of the Pianoforte Quar-

tett Association.

Dr. Stewart has been lecturing on Irish music in Dublin, intending to devote the profits of his entertainment to a painted glass cathedral window in memory of Sir John Stevenson.

'Llewelyn,' the Welsh Cantata, by Mr. J. Thomas, which is to be repeated at the Eisteddvod in North Wales this year, is about to be published by subscription.

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Madame Arabella Goddard announces that she intends making a progress through the provinces in the autumn.

MISCELLANEA

Inscription at Melrose Abbey.—You will observe in the end of the lively and entertaining 'Diaries of a Lady of Quality,' which Mr. Hayward has lately so judiciously selected from the bulky MSS. of the late Miss Wynn, an inscription said to have been translated from the Latin of one found in the ruins of Melrose Abbey. I had some recollection of having seen it before, and doubted if this was its true history, and if Miss Wynn's copy was correct; to ascertain which I communicated with an acquaintascertain which I communicated with an acquaint-ance resident at Scott's village of Darnick, between Abbotsford and Melrose. Mr. Currie immediately sent me an "exact copy," accompanied by some remarks so shrewd and sensible as to be worthy of preservation along with these singular lines, the quaint grandeur of which is very striking. They seem to me an admirable imitation of the poetry of a much earlier date. The writer of the following letter is as learned in tombstones as Old Mortality birmself and has done much more than clean or himself, and has done much more than clean or restore them, as he has made many in a style which reminds one of the monuments of bygone ages. He is also the sculptor of some busts of much merit. His predecessor and uncle, Mr. Smith, executed many of the mediæval ornaments with which Scott took so much pleasure in embellishing his "romance in stone"; and Mr. Currie is the sculptor of similar ornaments on the outside of the eighteen

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or twenty rooms which Mr. Hope-Scott has added, in such excellent keeping with the rest. learned and skilful in the ecclesiastical and domestic architecture of the Middle Ages. His copy of the inscription differs considerably from Miss Wynn's,— the second line of which contains a maximus error, arising, probably from haste in correcting the proofs:-

correcting the proofs:—

** Local tradition and the absence of even a fragment of an older duplicate are against the assumption of its being a copy of something older, yet I do not place implicit confidence in these, as there are very few old people now in Melrose who know much about the antiquities of the Abbey, and many carved stones, finials, &c., also old tombstones, are frequently exhumed in the Abbey churchy ard; so that the absence of an older stone in the ruins is no proof that an older one does not exist in the precincts of the Abbey. My own impression is, that it is a copy of something older than the eighteenth century, the period of this stone. The beautiful sentiment so quaintly and feelingly rendered, is not, in my way of thinking, in keeping with the usual Presbyterian phraseology, such as we see on tombstones of this period all over the country. **

ANDW. CUERIE.

(Exact Copy.) The earth goeth on the earth, Glistering like gold:
The earth goes to the earth Sooner than it wold:
The earth builds on the earth Castles and towers:
The earth says to the earth
All shall be ours.

The names of the family (Ramsay—date 1769) are on the other side of the stone, beginning with "Memento mori."

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GEO. HUNTLEY GORDON. -I am. &c.,

Whence do we get our Names?—The perusal of your article on 'The Dolomites' induced me to look up the localities in an atlas, and as my eye wandered over Carinthia and the adjacent countries, I was much struck with the great similarity between their nomenclature and our own. circumstance brought to my mind Mr. Taylor's 'Words and Places,' a book also recently noticed by you; on turning to it, I was interested to read of his investigations, at p. 155, as to where the British colonists came from, and the subsequent remarks, to the conclusion of Chapter VII., 'On the Original Seat of our Forefathers.' I have jotted down a few German names in juxtaposition with similar English names

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REPORT, 1864.

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The Twenty-Eighth Annual General Meeting of this Company was held within their House in Aberdeen, on Friday, the 10th June, 1864.

Dr. CRUICKSHANK, late Professor of Mathematics in Marischal College, CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL BOARD, IN THE CHAIR.

THE Secretary read the Report of the Directors, whereof the tenor follows:-

REPORT BY THE DIRECTORS OF THE NORTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY TO THE TWENTY-RIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHARMHOLDERS, HELD AT ABBEDEER, OF FRIDAY, THE TENTH DAY OF JUNE, 1864.

The Directors have the pleasure of reporting that the business of the Company, for the year 1953, again exhibits, in both departments, a large increase upon the previous year, as the following extracts from the Accounts and Balance Sheet will show:—

Fire Department.

Net Premiums received, after deduction of Re-insurances being an increase of 90.987, i.e. 4d. upon the Premiums of 1882. Losses by Fire (including provision for all outstanding Claims), Charges of Management, Commission to Agents, and other outgoings of this Depart-	£148,933		
ment	139,819	13	1
Leaving a Surplus on the Year's transactions of	£9,114	3	4
which has been carried to the credit of Profit and Loss Account.			

Life Department. 1. ASSURANCE BRANCH

			Ne	w I	Busine	288.							
	er of Lives As	sured	during		-	••	••			679	£297,690		0
Premi	ums	**	D		no m	or?	 	-12	3	-::	9,160	13	7

Receipts and Expenditure for the Year.

Premiums received, less Re-assurances	£77,810 17,654	8	11
Claims by Death (including Bonus Additions on Participating Policies), Surrenders, Commission to Agents, and proportion of General Charges	£95,464 £81,790	17 12	7
Surplus	£13,674	5	0
carried to Accumulated Funds of this Branch, which are thereby increased to	£437,274	8	2
Number of Policies current on 31st December, 1863 5,690 Aggregate of the Amounts thereby Assured (after deducting Re-assurances)	£2,457,165	0	0

to be carried to the Reserve Fund.

ANNUITY BRANCH.			
Receipts and Expenditure for the Year.			
Amount received on 26 Annuities granted during the year	£6,152 1,570	11 14	10 6
Amount paid in respect of 207 current Annuities 24,377 8 6	€7,723	6	4
Commission to Agents, and proportion of General Charges 965 14 0	4,643	2	6
Surplus	£3,080	3	10
carried to the Annuity Accumulated Fund, which now amounts to	£47,462	16	11

Five Annuitants died during the year, holding Annuities for

Profit and Loss Account.			
Surplus on Fire Account, 1863	£9,114 10,076	3 10	6
Out of which the Directors recommend that a Dividend be declared of Ten per	£19,190	13	10
cent. on the Old Shares, and at the same rate, proportionally, on the New Shares. This will absorb	7,763	1	1
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The Directors trust the Shareholders will concur with them in thinking it sound policy to adhere to the rate of Dividend paid last year, and again to carry the whole of the year's surplus to the Reserve Fund, which, as shown below, will thereby be increased to within a fraction of 100,000t.

Reserve Fund.

	The Sum at the credit of this Fund, on 31st December, 1863, (after narment of the Dividend for the para 1889), amounted to a sum of the para 1889, amounted to the Prentium on New Shares issued, in terms of the Associations of the Special Meeting, held on 14th August last, amount-	255,784	2	
		31,602	16	- 1
	Balance of Profit and Loss for the year 1863, brought down	11,497	12	1
1	Making the Reserve Fund, as at 31st December, 1863	£98,814	11	1

Additional Capital.

The Directors have to report that the whole of the New Shares, with the exception of 4,838 specially reserved for disposal by the London Board, have been either taken up by the Shareholders or allotted, in terms of the Resolutions of the Meeting of 14th August last, at 11, per Share Premium, and the Premium on each New Share has been carried, as before stated, to the credit of the Reserve Fund.

Investments.

The average Interest on Investments for the year was at the rate of 41. 11s. 5d. per cent.; and the following is a Statement of the whole Assets of the Company, as at 31st December, 1863:—

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2	3.—Cor	mpany	y's P	remis	es in	Aber	leen,	Long	lon, E	linb	urgh	, and	Me	lbourne			24,268	12	
		withi	n the	Surr	ender	Valu	ie th	ereof									10,639	17	1
iŝ	2.—Ad	vance	s to t	he A	sured	on	the S	ecuri	ty of t	heir	Poli	cies.	bei	ng in all	cas	es		-	
ň	L-On	Perso	mal	Secur	ity wi	th A	Raion	ment	of Li	e Po	licie		••	**		**	21,269	8	
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7	7Ind	lian G	over	nmen	t Gua	rant	eed F	tailw	ay Sto	cks				**	**		61,667	16	
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The Directors have, in conclusion, to announce, that, in consequence of the magnitude to which the business of the London Office has attained, they have for some time past had under consideration the expediency of granting to the London Branch, equally with Aberdeen, the status and privileges of a Head Office, and investing the London Directors with powers similar to those conferred upon the General Board by the Act of Incorporation. By such an arrangement, much inconvenience now felt in conducting the business of the London Branch would be avoided. On the 28th April last, a Conference on the subject took place in London between the two Boards, and the result was a unanimous Resolution to apply to Parliament in the next Session for a new Act to carry the proposed arrangement into effect, and otherwise to alter, amend, and consolidate the Company's present Acts and Contract of Copartnery.

JOHN CRUICKSHANK, Chairman.

The foregoing Report having, on the motion of the Chairman, been unanimously approved of and adopted, a Dividend at the rate of Ten per Cent. (free of Income Tax) was declared payable on 16th June current.

Thanks were voted to the Boards of Directors and Office-Bearers of the Company, at Home and Abroad, and to the Chairman for his conduct in the Chair.

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